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Maiali meets Sudanese minister

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday received Sudanese Minister of Trade and Industry Tajul Sirr Mustafa who is currently visiting Jordan, and was briefed by him on the outcome of the meetings of the Jordanian-Sudanese Joint Committee on economic and trade relations between the two countries. Dr. Majali underlined the importance of such meetings between Arab states, saying they open new scopes of cooperation and serve the interests of the Arab peoples. The Sudanese minister said the meeting dealt with bilateral relations and cooperation in fields of training, medicine, tourism and economy. The Sudanese minister had another meeting with Minister of Transpon Salman Al Tarawnch, Mr. Tarawnch underlined the importance of activating sea and air transport between Jordan and Sudan. Mr. Musiafa also met with Supply Minister Radhi Ibrahim and the two discussed measures taken by both countries to facilities the exchange of commodities. The two ministers also discussed the possibility of Jordan's producing wheat in Sudan to be exported to the Kingdom. Another meeting was held between the Sudanese minister and Tourism Minister Yanal Hikmat who expressed Jordan's readiness to offer training to Sudanese cadres in tourism-related fields.

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Arafat meets Kim

The Liberation Organisation District (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

meet with leaders of the Palestine

TOKYO (AFP) --- North Korean

President Kim Il-Sung met Pales-

in Pyongyang Monday on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the

Korean War truce. The official orean Central News Agency

(KCNA) said the talks were held

in a "sincere and friendly atmos-

phere." Mr. Arafat arrived in

Pyongyang earlier Monday on bis

sixth visit to the communist state

which has been persuaded by

Israel in recent months to stop

ROME (R) - U.S. forces killed

at least six Somalis, including a

suspected missile sales to Iran

6 Somalis killed

by U.S. forces

Russian diplomat arrived in Syria

Monday to try to narrow differ-

attacks, which are continuing for the second consecutive day on a large scale," Lebanese Ambassador Khalil Makkawi told Reuters on his way to see council President Sir David Hannay of Bri-

Mr. Hannay later confirmed the urgent Lebanese request and said council members were to hold private consultations later in

the day. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali, in a statement issued through a spokesman, deplored both the Israeli attacks against Lebanon and rocket arracks

against northern Israel, Dr. Ghali said the commander of the U.N. force in southern Lebanon had been instructed to urge both sides to exercise max-

mum restraint. Israeli army Chief of Staff Ehud Barak demanded that the Lebanese government to disarm Hizbollab guerrillas, warning that otherwise Israel "will do it."

'If the Lebanese government is it," General Barak told reporters the border with Lebanon.

"We hope that the government in Beirut, which pretends to govern Lebanon, will assume its responsibilities and make Hizbollah see reason," he added.

Gen. Barak said the Israeli forces were pursuing attacks launched Sunday against Hizbollah, adding that Israel was keeping options open to guarantee the success of its operation.

Earlier, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's diplomatic adviser told a press conference: "We are trying to exert pressure on the Lebanese government to disarm Hizbollah.

Our goal is to stop Hizbollah by acting through the Lebanese government," adviser Jacques "We do not want a confronta-

tion with Syria. We have responded to the latest attacks and said if there are more we will be free to act. Up to 150,000 Israelis stayed in

reinforced rooms and bomb shelters because of rocket attacks on northern Israel, Israel Radio said an Israel woman was lightly wounded on Monday.

Asked if he would launch a

ground attack beyond the "security zone," Gen. Barak replied "I would not rule out any form of operations. Army radio said from northern Israel that a column of tanks and armoured personnel carriers was-

unable to impose its will on Hiz- moving towards the "security bollah, the Israeli army will do zone": "For the first time tanks of armoured corps are making in the Israeli coastal town of Nahariyya, three kilometres from "This is the last warning and ultimatum," a South Lebanon Army (SLA) radio station affiliated with the Israeli army in

southern Lebanon broadcast Monday evening. It told the 35,000 inhabitants of Nabatiyeh that their market town would be "shelled within a few moments." The shelling commenced shortly after two Israeli soldiers were reported killed by Amal. Security sources confirmed

the latest Israeli deaths. Israel launched its two-day raid Sunday in retaliation for the earlier troops casualties.

Hizbollah struck back with more than 100 barrages of Sovietdesigned Katyusha rockets on Israel's northern towns and the

security zone." Warplanes buzzed Sidon, breaking the sound barrier over the city and shattering windows in apartment blocks and cars.

Security sources said the Israeli army also sent more troops and armour into its "security zone," raising to more than 2,000 the number of troops it has in the region, double the normal contin-

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fares Bouez said: "If the Security Council does not meet and if its resolutions are not respected that will show it is incapable of fulfilling its obligations.

He said that Israel was "deliberately" attacking Red Cross ambulances and relief teams assisting victims. "Israel is diverting everyone's

attention from the main problem which remains Israel's occupation of South Lebanon," Mr. Bouez told reporters after summoning ambassadors of the five permanent Security Council members. But Information Minister mained in the town of Nabatiyeh, Michel Samaha told Reuters Lebanon was not yet at the stage where it would consider withdrawing from the 2I-month-old peace talks with Israel due to the

tacks. targets over a 30-bour period Sunday and Monday, a U.N.

Amal's claim of responsibility for the peace process and have our internal unity and security reestablished," he said. "We are asking the Americans to help us more to make breakthroughs in the process.

Lebanon's Supreme Defence Council, which includes President Elias Hrawi, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, top ministers and the army commander, held an emergency meeting Monday.
Officials said Beirut was also in

close contact with Syria, which has 35,000 roops in Lebanon. in Israel, Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres said "after each (Israeli) operation there is a pause to see if calm returns" clearly implying that the raids would halt if the rocketing of Israel stopped.

Syria declared support for Lebanon and accused the Jewish state of provocation.

Tens of thousands of Lebanese villagers fled their homes in South Lebanon in the largest exodus since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, police officials

About 20 villages lying near the "security zone" were almost deserted on Monday while 20 to 75 per cent of the inhabitants of dozens of other villages sought refuge further north or in Beirut. Fewer than 20,000 people re-

normally home to 50,000, by mountain ridge. Monday afternoon, police said. Israeli warplanes launched more than 100 air raids and troops fired thousands of shells at

Ten Lebanese civilians and side the main battle zones.

A Lebanese family is crammed into a pick-up truck as they flee their village Monday to escape Israeli raids in South Lebanon (AFP photo)

peacekeeping officer said. The officer, with the United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL), said U.N. observers had counted more than 2,500 mortar shells landing only in the area under their jurisdiction, which comprises around half the territory pounded by the Israeli bombardment.

Security sources said Israeli warplanes launched more air strikes on Lebanese targets after nightfall Monday, with fighterbombers blasting a Hizbollah base in the east of the country. Witnesses said fires were rag-

ing in Jibsheet and other villages and smoke from exploding shells billowed from Iqlim Al Toufah

Israeli planes firing missiles pounced on the Palestinian refugee camp of Al Bidawi near the port of Tripoli, 70 kilometres north of Beirut, after dawn and wrecked a glass factory.

Palestinians were killed and 27 wounded in the air raid and two attacks by gunboats which unleashed missiles into the camp from late on Sunday.

A cameraman of Hizbollah's Al Manar television station covering the fighting was killed in the south, the sources said. Planes firing missiles made two

raids on a Palestinian guerrilla base in the village of Na'amen, 15 kilometres south of Beirut. Others hit the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh Mieh and villages. Voice of the South radio, run by the Israeli-backed SLA, said

the Israeli navy was blockading the ports of Tyre and Sidon and civilian vessels should avoid The highway linking Beirut to southern Lebanon was jammed

with cars piled high with bedding

and belongings as thousands of

A naval training base for Ahmad Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command was levelled, killing 10 people and wounding

30 others,

In the eastern town of Baalbek. Hizbollah leader Sheikh Hassa; Nasrallah told a news conference. "What is happening is not going to stop us from confinuing and escalating our confrontation to drive the Israeli enemy out of

The PFLP-GC also vowed it would not give up the struggle.

Lebanon by force of arms.

"As long as Lebanese soil is occupied, and as long as the Israelis continue to occupy our land, we will never give up the fight against the Israeli forces, PFLP-GC spokesman Omar Sbehadi told AFP from the organisation's headquarters in Damascus.

Arabs say Israeli actions did nota MMAN (Petra) — Austrian undermine peace process d the used to seent Thomas Clesol will are languarive in Amman on an official three-day visit to Jordan Sept. 4, prope an official announcement by the

Christopher sees peace talks as the ment are Royal Court said Monday. It said ed upon the visit comes at an invitation by this Majesty King Hussein to the only answer; France condemns Israel

Combined agency despatches

ARABS MONDAY strongly condemned the most widespread Israeli air and artillery attacks on Lebanon for more than a decade, saying they were bound to damage the already faltering Middle East peace process.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said the Israeli military offensive had dealt a death blow to the Middle East peace process.

"The organisation condemns the savage Israeli army aggression against Lebanese and Palestinian civilians and against the Syrian army in Lebanon, said PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman.

He said the PLO was putting "all its political and military means with its Lebanese and Syrian brothers to fight the aggres-

By ordering the attacks in Lebanon, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin dealt a "death blow to the peace process in the Middle East," Mr. Abdul Rahman said.

"The aggression, which was the result of the U.S. administration policy of support to Israel ... shows clearly the Israeli government in its true face as a war cabinet and not a peace cabinet,"

Syria, which lost three of its soldiers in the Israeli strikes on Lebanon Sunday, said the Jewish state's action was putting the peace negotiations to a critical

"The peace process is effectively under a critical test and whoever endangers it is in fact endangering the stability and security of the region. All the efforts deployed to salvage these talks have also been pot at very critical crossroads," the official newspaper Al Baath said in an editorial.

A Syrian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the attacks against Lebanese civilians and their peaceful villages cannot be considered as an aggression on Lebanon, Syria and the Arabs alone, but an aggression on the entire world community, notably the (U.N.) Security Council.'

Israel had "put its will over that of the international community and its authority over that of the Security Council and internation-

al law," the spokesman said. It told the world community the peace talks could only be saved by putting pressure on Israel to contain its "lust for destruction, killing and foiling the

peace process." The state-run Tishreen newspaper said: "It is no secret that Israel is trying through its escala-tion in South Lebanon to cover up its intransigent and aggressive policy towards the peace process and escape the obligations of

peace to withdraw from the occupied territories." The 21-nation Arab League "strongly condemned" the raids and demanded implementation of

U.N. Security Council Resolu-tion 425, which calls for Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon. Egypt said Israel should halt its military operation in Lebanon

immediately and warned that the peace talks could be at risk. "These (Israeli) practices must come to an immediate halt because they may have a negative result on the peace talks in the Middle East." Foreign Minister Amr Musa told Reuters.

Iran condemned the Israeli attacks and urged the international community to stop the twoday-old offensive.

'Iran strongly condemns the savage and inbuman attacks against southern Lebanon and calls on the international community to take serious steps to stop them," the foreign ministry

"Although this is not the first time such criminal acts are committed by the Zionist regime against the Muslims in southern Lebanon, they are under the present circumstances indicative of the real intention" of Israel, it

In Singapore, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said that progress in the peace talks was the only antidote to battles raging in Lebanon.

What I would emphasise is we must not let the opponents of the peace process undermine it," he

told reporters.

"The only antidote, the only real answer to this kind of violence, is to make progress in the peace process and bring to that region the kind of tranquillity it has been missing.'

Mr. Christopher, who travels to the Middle East next week to try to get the stalled 20-monthold peace talks moving, said he had not been in contact with Israeli or Syrian leaders but was getting regular briefings from his team in Washington. He singled out Hizbollah (Par-

ty of God) as being a consistent opponent of the peace process. France condemned Israel for its assaults and demanded an

immediate halt to the campaign. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said France "urges Israel to stop as soon as possible this initiative which is an attack against the sovereignty of Lebanon and threatens to endanger the Middle East peace process.

France "believes a military operation of this scale cannot be iustified and regrets the many innocent civilian victims since yesterday," he said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had been expected in Paris Monday but at the last minute cancelled his visit because of the Lebanese fighting (see page

In his statement, the French spokesman urged countries with influence in the region, an apparent reference to the United States and Syria, to do everything in their power to restore peace. Ireland said it was gravely concerned about the Israeli attacks on Lebanon after reports that two Irish soldiers attached to U.N. peacekeeping forces had been

Irish radio said two Irish soldiers were slightly injured by flying shrapnel and the troops took shelter in underground bunkers as Israel blasted targets in Lebanon for a second straight

Foreign Minister Dick Spring said in a statement the shelling was "unacceptable" and said Ireland was protesting to the Israeli

Dayan and Darawsheh urge PLO to refocus peace talks

TUNIS (AP) - Visiting Israeli parliament members said Monday they urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to try to refocus the Middle East peace proces on issues that can be resolved.

The comments by Yael Dayan and Abdul Wahab Darawsheh came as they wound up three days of talks with senior PLO officials.

Ms. Davan and Mr. Darawsheh had expected to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. But he was out of the country on an Asian tour.

Ms. Dayan, a member of Israel's ruling Labour Party, is daughter of the late Moshe Dayan. Mr. Darawsheh is with the leftist Arab Democratic Party.

Ms. Dayan said she urged the Palestinians to accept Israel's offer for limited self-government in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and to put off the question of Jerusalem to a later

Ms. Dayan told reporters: "My opinion, which I discussed with the PLO officials, is that they should not stick to Semantics or insist on issues which cannot be

Mr. Darawsheh said he proposed upgrading the peace negotiations by bringing in ministers or heads of state.

Mr. Darawsheh quoted PLO officials as saying they had no objections to Palestinians taking over some governing functions in the occupied territories "if that will be part of an overall peace

Among PLO leaders they met with were Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, Yasser Abed Rabbo, a PLO executive and political adviser to Mr. Arafat, and Bassam Abu Sharif.

Ms. Dayan was not included in Sunday meeting between Mr. Darawsheh and Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Department.

Both Ms. Dayan and Mr. Darawsheh said they hoped to return to Tunis in late August or early September with a larger delegation of Israeli parliament

civilians fled for safer areas out-Regent meets Turkish minister. reports identical nature of views

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday received at the Royal Court visiting Turkish Foreign Minister Hikmat Cetin and reviewed with him Jordanian-Turkish relations and means of enhancing cooperation in various fields.

Prince Hassan and Mr. Cetin also discussed the Middle East peace process, stressing the need to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the region that would guarantee the return of Arab rights, including the Palestinian people's right to self determination on its national soil, the Jordan News Agency, Petra,

The Crown Prince and the Turkish minister also discussed the possible means to achieve stability in the region, and international developments with special

emphasis on the conflict in Minister Cetin for his insights Bosnia-Herzegovina and the conditions of the Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied Arab

"We share concern for the future of the Middle East region, a concern that we share with Turkey in the context of developments in the Balkans, in the context of Central Asia and indeed closer to home in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the peace process," Prince Hassan said in an interview with Turkish Television following the meeting.

"But may I say the primary concern that we share is for the stability of this region in the face of ethnic and sectarian conflicts - a concern that is based on our commitment to democratic principles and to pluralism," he said.

into Turkish policy, particularly in the context of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC). where we have an identity of views on the need to arrest the continuing violence in Bosnia and indeed the identity of views in terms of the need for the activisation of the peace process particularly against the background ot the tragic outbreak of violence in the Lebanon which as you know is going on to the moment that we are talking now," the Crown Prince said.

He added: "Violence can breed only violence and this cannot be acceptable particularly in the context of the renewed attempts by the U.S. administrarion to bring a meaning and momentum to the peace talks. Mr. Celin arrived here Sunday. "I would like to thank Foreign He leaves for Israel Tuesday.

U.N. starts work on setting up cameras at Iraqi missile sites

Combined agency despatches

BAGHDAD — A U.N. arms team reported Monday it was getting "good cooperation from Iraqi officials as it started work on setting up surveillance cameras at two missile test sites. U.S. team leader Bill Eckert,

charged with installing the cameras, said Monday the Iraqis were doing a "very good job" helping with the installation, and were giving his team "good coopera-The commercial-type security

cameras are to be installed but not yet switched on under the terms of an agreement reached between Iraq and the U.N. last week which defused a mounting crisis over long-term surveillance of Iraq's weapons programme.

Mr. Eckert and two other Americans arrived bere Sunday and started preparations to install six cameras at the Yawm Al Azim and Rafah missile sites 60 kilometres south of Baghdad Monday.

The cameras will remain switched off pending further discussions between the two sides in New York in late August or early September.

Mr. Eckert said on arrival here Sunday that the installation of the

cameras was "the first concrete have been added to detect heat. ing Iraq's post-war military on if Iraq should test a missile at poteotial

weapons experts is also currently in traq on a routine mission overseeing the dismantlement of than 144 kilometres but the Un-Iraq's nuclear weapons programme, agreed to under the terms of cameras to make sure longerthe Gulf war ceasefire in 1991. range or more powerful missiles Mr. Eckert said his team had to cannot be tested at the site. clear a number of technical points

Mr. Eckert said he did not think his mission would be hampered by a U.S. air strike in southern Iraq Sunday.
Iraq has rejected the U.S. account of what happened, saying it did not activate anti-aircraft

radar, as Washington claimed,

and did not fire a missile in response to the U.S. strike. U.S. planes patrol southern Iraq to protect Iranian-backed dissidents from Baghdad's air power. Iraq's official statement on the incident was mild, a sign that Baghdad is trying at the

moment to avoid tension. Mr. Eckert and his team came to install the surveillance cameras that are not sophisticated spy equipment, but the same devices guarding stores and

banks against theft. However, infrared monitors 75 kilometres away,

step" towards long-term monitor- so that the cameras would switch the Yawm Al Azim and Al Rafah An Italian-led team of nuclear sites south of Baghdad.

Iraq says it intends to rest missiles with ranges of no more ited Narions wants monitoring

One video and one still camera will be mounted on a pole at each site. The still camera will feed a picture every eight minutes to the U.N. office ar the Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad. If U.N. experts want a detailed look ar something in the still picture, they can then activate the video camera. The cameras also are protected against tampering. A motion censor would set off an alarm at the Baghdad U.N. office.

Now the only thing to work out is when, or if the cameras will be turned on. They won't be activated until further technical discussions in New York over the next two months.

Among those details: How long it will take the Iraqis to dig a trench for cables and provide telephone extensions from the missile test sites to the Sheraton.

woman and a child, after coming under attack south of the Somali capital Mogadishu overnight, the Italian ANSA news agency reincident occurred when Somali

incident occurred when a fired railitia men in a battle truck fired An American post. It said a Cobra helicopter returned fire. destroying the truck. (Italy wants reduced U.N. role, page 2).

and Syria.

Italy wants reduced U.N. role in Somalia

PARMA (Agency) — Italian Defence Minister Fabio Fabbri has fighting with Somali factions. called for a reduction in the milit-Somalia in order to 'favour the political process.'

He proposed this change of emphasis Sunday with a view to "keeping human losses to a minimum and not arousing tension with the local population."

Mr. Fahbri, who was speaking uear this northern Italian town, said Italy considered that "safeguarding the image of the United Nations (is) of fundamental imcortance for future international

He said Italy was involved in developing the United Nations' intervention capabilities.

Italy, which is the former colonial power in Somalia, became embroiled earlier this month in a row over the U.N. role in the country, allegedly failing to obey the U.S. command of military

operations there. The Italian authorities have heen concerned that under Washington's influence the U.N. has become more concerned with punishing warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed than with humanitarian work.

In his speech Sunday, Mr. Fabhri said the government was ex-pecting a "positive outcome from the closer working together under way in New York and Mogadishu on the relation between the military methods used and the intended aims.'

The minister went on: "What counts is that the objectives of pacification and bumanitarian aid be made central again to operations in Somalia and that activities of a military nature be reduced simply to the means of achieving these ends."

Mr. Fahbri again denied sug-

gestions that Italy had dragged its neels with regard to U.N. military operations in Somalia, and detailed the Italian contingent's activities in the country.

Ruehe meets troops

Defence Minister Volker Ruehe Sunday welcomed German soldiers joining United Nations troops in Somalia, in the first deployment of German ground forces ontside the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Mr. Ruehe met a convoy of armoured cars and trucks outside Belet Huen, a north-central town. where the force of 1,700 will be complete by mid-August.

The minister told reporters he made the hastily arranged visit to show Boun's support for the troops despite a debate at home over whether the force, pledged killing of 24 Pakistani peacekeepto a non-comhat role, should be ers on June 5.

An advance force set up the ary role of the United Nations in German base in May but the convoy marked the start of the main month-long deployment on a mission that is controversial in Germany for marking an end to Bonn's policy of military restraint since World War II.

Mr. Ruebe arrived early on Sunday in Belet Huen, a sandy. windy town near the Ethiopian border, chosen because it is free of the clashes between U.N. forces and Somali groups that have plagued the volatile capital of Mogadishn.

After hearing a situation report from officers, Mr. Ruehe walked outside the camp, fortified by sand bags and barbed wire, to shake hands with a group of about 15 Somalis.

"I am Volker Ruehe from Germany," he told the visitors in Euglish. A German officer added: "This is our defence minister."

The convoy of 113 vehicles and 200 soldiers arrived late due to the poor dirt roads crossed on a two-day trek from Mogadishu, some 300 kilometres to the south.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's governmeut says Belet Huen is aceful but an opinion poll last week found 56 per cent of Germans would want the troops brought home if they were dragged into combat.

Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) have attacked the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) for resisting their efforts to give united Germany a wider military role in the world.

SPD leaders have urged Germany to quit the Somalia mission as fighting has crupted in Moga-dishu between U.N. forces and gunmen loyal to General Aideed. Recent unrest in Somalia has claimed the lives of 35 peacekeepers, four foreign jour-nalists and at least 120 Somalis.

'\$1m reward for Howe'

Geu. Aideed is offering \$1 million for the assassination of retired U.S. Admiral Jonathan Howe, the United Nations' special envoy to Somalia, according to Time magazine.

In its Aug. 2 issue to be re-leased Monday, Time cited the U.S. intelligence as the source for information about the plot against Adm. Howe, an outspoken critic of Gen. Aideed.

The United Nations has offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the Somali general, who has been held responsible for the



HOMES IN RUINS: Two Lebanese villagers in-Monday's Israeli attacks in South Lebanon (AFI spect the rubble of their home, destroyed in

The rebels, who included seven

women, took to take to the hills

when they spotted Turkish tanks

The French government

hranded the weekend kidnapping

as "unacceptable" and reiterated

warnings about travel in the area.

Richard Duque said a diplomat

from the French embassy in Ank-

ara had arrived in Tatvan to take

part in efforts to get the four released quickly, calling the kid-

napping "an unacceptable act."

But Mr. Duque noted that tour

warned several weeks ago by

"We advised cantion, indicat-

operators in France been official-

the tourism ministry about the

dangers of travel in southeastern

ing that travel in that part of Turkey could involve risks," he

The four Frenchmen abducted

ere earlier named as Pierre Six

(43), Michel Coudray (52),

Robert Audoin (51), and Fer-

town fo Diyarbakir, the bead-quarters of the campaign against

Foreign ministry spokesman

official earlier told AFP.

Turks search for kidnapped tourists

TATVAN, Turkey (Agencies) — police.
Turkish security forces continued Mos Monday their search for four continue with the three-week French tourists kidnapped near tour, Mr. Gultekin said, adding here by Kurdish rebels amid re- that he was waiting for clearance ports the hostages would be re-leased by their abductors within pany concerned.

An official in this eastern Turkish town confirmed the search was continuing for the four, who and armoured cars nearby, a local were seized late Saturday by about 15 Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) separatists from a coach carrying 25 French holidaymakers about 40 kilometres from

The hostages' Turkish guide Resit Gultekin told AFP in Ankara by telephone that the four would be released soon. Citing the kidnappers he said:

"We belong to the PKK and we will free them in four or five. Mr. Gultekin said about 15

armed men and women had stopped the hus and carried out identity checks. He added: "Several armed men asked if there were police or military personnel in the bus."

Everyone was asked to get off the bus and four of the Frenchmen taken away. Mr. Gultekin said: "After a moment be realised they had

been kidnapped. Women started nand Harow (66).

Crying. We were seized by panic. Authorities in the southeastern crying. We were seized by panic. The kidnappers were so calm that it all seemed like a joke." He and the remainder of the the PKK, told a source Monday

An official of the French Most of the group wanted to embassy in Ankara was expected to arrive in Van Monday. On July 5 PKK rebels seized a

Briton and an Australian, David Rowbotham and Tania Miller, as they cycled through the Tatvan

In a statement released by pro-PKK sources in London, the rebel organisation has demanded the implementation of a ceasefire hefore it releases Mr. Rowbotham and Ms. Miller.

The PKK has escalated its war against the Ankara government since the failure of its unilateral ceasefire, declared in March to produce what it would have regarded as significant concessions from the authorities. Several hundred people have died in the past

Nearly 7,000 people have been killed since the PKK launched its insurrection in 1984.

Fourteen people have been killed in Kurdish-related violence in southeast Turkey, security officials said Monday.
Four state-paid village guards

and five PKK rebels were killed Sunday in a battle in Hakkari province, Anatoba news agency

Security officials said PKK raiders killed two children, a woman and a man in a rocket attack on Dogruyedi village in Bingol province Sunday night. Four villagers were wounded.

In a separate attack, gunmen group drove on to Van, the pro-vincial capital, where they alerted to the bostages' whereabouts. shot dead a villager near the town to the bostages' whereabouts.

Kuwait says 186 maids raped or

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwaiti official figures released this week show 186 foreign domestic workers have been reported raped or kidnapped in the past 21/2 years, the vast majority by expatriates.

kidnapped

The figures are contained in an **[uterior Ministry statement ou** the level of reported abuse of servants since the emirate's 1991 Gulf war liberation from Iraqi

The statement was announced to parliament Saturday hy In-terior Minister Sheikh Ahmad Hamoud Al Jaber Al Sabah in response to a formal question hy deputy Abdul Mohsen Jamal.

It said 145 maids were reported raped or kidnapped by expatriate employers, 22 by Kuwaiti employers, seven by Kuwaitis who were not their employers and 12 by unknown persons. The statement did not elaborate on the kidnapping incidents.
The statement said that at the

end of May 1993 there were 168,747 domestic servants in the country of 1.3 million people, most are believed to be from Asian countries.

"There are cases in which servants are subjected to mistreatment by their employers hut they are very limited cases considering the high number of servants in the servants in the couutry, the variety of their nationalities and those of their em-

ployers," the statement said, "The abuse takes many forms. Some is abuse of money and property and some is physical abuse. Some is violation of the integrity of the body such as

rape," the statement said.
The statement said 168 incidents of beating involving domestic workers had been reported during the period. Ninety maids had been beaten

by Kuwaiti employers, 48 had been beaten by foreign employers and one bad been beaten hy a Kuwaiti who was not her employer. Twenty-nine employers were beaten by their domestic workers.

The statement said studies by international buman rights groups on reported abuse of servants in Kuwait had shown the phenomena in "a huge way which is not born out by reality." .

Mr. Jarnal said by telephone: "The reason why I directed this question is that there was a rumour regarding abusing maids m Kuwait and I bow true it was."

"According to the answer, .! turns out that this rumour has been exaggerated. Still, the phonomena has to be studied, because it deals with buman

beings. Kuwaiti officials say there has been a sharp increase in crime by maids in Kuwait in recent years and their foreign habits damaged the traditions and norms of Kuwaiti society.

'Arms deal controls'

Kuwait should make future arms contracts conditional upon disclosure by a selling country of commissions paid in any previous deals with the emirate, the speaker of parliament said in remarks published Monday. The condition was one of several measures Ahmad Al Saadoun proposed the government take to end what the called commissions that encouraged currupt arms deals, newspapers reported. Mr. Saadoun said countries entering into de-fence contracts with Kuwait would also have to agree to a clause calling for extra payment if Kuwait later found that they had kept secret previous commission payouts. In this case they would have to pay double the amount of the commission to the Kuwaiti government He reiterated accusations that illicit commissions had been paid to third parties in defence sales.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Katyusha narrowly misses Israeli president

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli President Ezer Weizman and his wife had a narrow escape in a Katyusha rocket attack that killed two people and wounded 13 in the northern Israeli settlement of Kiryat Shmona Sunday, army radio said. "I passed here and saw a Katyusba fall — that is I heard it first and then saw the smoke. said Mr. Weizman, who was driving through the settlement to show solidarity with residents. Army radio said the president was "only solidarity with residents." metres" from the scene of the blast. Israel's private Itim agency part the distance at about 100 metres. "We reached the place (where the rocket fell) ...we saw wounded; electric lines cut; two cars or the rocket fell) ...we saw wounded; electric lines cut; two cars or the rocket fell) ...we saw wounded; electric lines cut; two cars or the rocket fell) ...we saw wounded; electric lines cut; two cars or the fire," Mr. Weizman, a former chief of Israel's air force, told the

Bomb explodes in Egyptian city

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — A bomh exploded in a hus station in the city of Ismailia northeast of Cairo Monday, causing slight damage, witnesses and security sources said. They said the bomb blew up at 2:30 a.m. (2330 GMT) in the bus station on a main street in Ismailia, a city on the Suez Canal, 115 kilometres northeast of Cairo. Police denied the explosion was caused by a bomb. They. said a mine left behind since the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war went off by mistake. But hus drivers on the scene said they saw a hlindfolded man tossing the bomh near a garbage dump in the station lot. They immediately alerted the police and moved out their huses. The explosion caused slight damage in the street because it occurred at a time when the station was empty, the sources added. Two policemen and one militant were injured last Wednesday in Ismailia when a crowd of militants threw hricks at police and police fired shots to disperse them and rounded up 27 Muslim fundamentalists for questioning. The two incidents were the first reports of militant-related violence in Ismailia, which was the hirthplace 60 years ago of Egypt's fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood. More than 170 people have been killed in political violence in Egypt over the last 18 months.

Searing hot Bahrain faces possible power cuts

MANAMA (R) — Bahrain faced possible power cuts due to heavy use of air conditioners as combined heat and humidity seared the island, the Gulf Daily News said Monday. The apparent temperature - combining real temperature, humidity and wind speed soared to 53 Celsius (127 Fahrenheit) Saturday. The real tempera ture was 38 Celsius (100 Fahrenheit) in the shade, but most of Bahrain is in the sun. The newspaper said government officials appealed for conservation and warned of possible power cuts as demand soared to a new record of 901 megawatts Saturday, just shy of the capacity of 925 megawatts. Sunday's peak demarkd dropped to 882 megawatts.

Beirut airport working normally

BEIRUT (AFP) - Beirut's international airport was working normally Monday with no flight cancellations reported despite Israeli air strikes across Lehanon that bave killed at least 28 people since Sunday, officials said, Airport officials said no incoming of outgoing flights were cancelled, in spite of the Israeli raids smashing into the Naameh area, only 15 kilometres south of Beirut, Flights in and out of Beirut at this time of year are normally full of Lebanese emigres coming home for the summer holidays;

Peres cancels French trip

PARIS (AFP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has cancelled an official visit to France due to begin Monday because of the Israeli military offensive in Lebanon, the Israeli embassy said bere. At the same time the French foreign ministry called on Israel to end the military operation against Lebanon, saying there was no justification for the attacks which put the Middle East peace talks at risk. Mr. Peres had been scheduled to meet with President Francois Mitterrand and Foreign Minister Alain Juppe during the 48-hour visit. French foreign ministry spokesman Richard Duque meanwhile said the Israeb operation was an attack on "the sovereignty of Lebanon and risked jeopardising the Middle East and should stop "as soon as possible." France believed that a military operation on this scale could not be justified and regrets the number of innocent civilian victims since Sunday," Mr. Duque told the daily ministry press briefing.

Gunmen kill Palestinian in South Lebanors

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Hooded gunmen shot dead a Palestinian official in a South Lebanon refugee camp Sunday, security sources said. They said Toufic Mansor from the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was gunned down n 'Ain Al Hilweh camp. A civilian woman was wounded in the attack. The motive behind the killing was not immediately known.

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U.N. Inspects Iraqi refugees in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — U.N. officials inspected more than 3,000 refugees who fled from southern Iraq to Iran, where two babies died of disease at the weekend, Iran's IRNA news agency said Monday. The deaths were the first reported by Iran among the refugees who have walked or sailed through marshes for several days to reach Iran and escape what the Iraqi opposition called "genocidal attack" from the Iraqi army. Officials from the Tehran office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said after talking to the refugees that they would send them food, medicine and clothes this week,

U.N. says 13 troops hurt during Cyprus protest

NICOSIA (R) — The U.N. urged restraint in Cyprus Monday and said 13 of its troops had been injured at the weekend when hundreds of Greek-Cypriot motorbikers tried to cross into the Turkish zone. "We were not happy with the way it went. It created a lot of problems for UNFICYP (the U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus)." Gustav Feissel, the U.N. deputy special representative in Nicosia, told reporters. "It is something that has to be avoided and not only the people themselves but the authroities, everybody, has to pitch in to make sure this kind of thing does not repeat itself." On Sunday, up to 1,000 motorcyclists protesting Cyprus's 19-year division harged past Greek-Cypriot police and U.N. troops into the buffer zone, provoking fistfights and stone-throwing with Turkish troops guarding the occupied north.

Afghan border civilians mauled in Russian attacks By Terence White tioned on the other side of the anti-tank rockets against our Ah, Abdul Ahad's men must of the border security regiment Scud missiles? Commander Amu Darya River, which demake a kidney-crushing two-Agence France Presse

AMU DARYA RIVER Afghanistan — The Afghan woman recoiled as the camera flashed, and cried out in alarm, although the torn flesh around the gaping hole in her swollen right hand elicited not a whimper of pain.

"Don't be afraid. It's not another explosion — the attack has finished," the woman lying next to her said. The floral-decorated red cot-

ton sleeve of the second woman's dress was pulled back to expose the raw meat of another ugly wound, where another piece of flying rocket shrapnel had cut to the bone of her arm; a third woman had a similar thigh wound and a man had been hit in the arm.

The four hapless civilians number among the 140-odd Afghans killed or wounded by Russian heavy artillery of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) troops sta-

fines the international border between northern Afghanistan and the newly independent Ceutral Asian republic of Tajikistan.

In Chah-i-Ab district of Takhar province, 550 kilometres north by road from the Afghan capital Kahul, 10 villages collectively known as Sampti have been singled out for a particularly heavy CIS rocket and mortar bombardment as well as tank and antiaircraft heavy machinegun fire.

In addition to the high civilian casualties and the many homes which have been partially destroyed or hurnt in the bomhardments, fields of wheat now under harvest have been

'The Russians have chosen a cruel time for their attacks. It is more humane to kill the farmers outright than to hurn their crops, for in this case nothing remains to sustain them for the coming year,' noted Bashir Khanet, the Afghan commander in charge

based in Chah-i-Ah. This district is inhabited

mostly by Afghan Tajiks, and locals say the bombardment is the Russians' way of warning them not to interfere in the internal affairs of Tajikistan, especially not to give support to the Tajik Islamic guerrillas fighting the Russian-backed ex-communist Tajik regime hased in the capital Dushanbe.

"The Russians can't stop the Tajiks from crossing into Afghanistan so they are punishing us instead," said one Samoti local. When the attacks started in

mid-July, Commander Bashir, who deuled Afghanistan was aiding the Tajik rebels, said he had established radio contact with the Russians. Bashir said he reminded the

Russians that their 10-year occupation of Afghanistan had ended in humiliating defeat a lesson his men were prepared to dish out again if necessary. "What good are your Kalashnikovs against our tanks? What good are your

Bashir quoted the Russians'

stinging reply.

Bashir said his men had not yet retaliated against the Russian attacks, but were prepared to do so if ordered by the government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan. "Our people are ready to

kick the Russians back from the border. We are good swimmers. We can cross the Amu Darya River and put mines under their tanks," Bashir said.

'We will nut allow the Russians to stay on the border," he stressed.

Bashir and his men fear that the Russians want to establish a demilitarised zone inside Afghanistan, in order tu prevent the cross-border traffic of Tajiks, whether as refugees or . guerrilla fighters. "If we don't give them the

proper reply, they will fulfill this plan," said hattalion commander Abdul Ahad of Tu reach Sampti from Chah-ihour jeep journey on a track which for the most part follows the running waters of a tributary to the Amu Darya, and then hike through the mountains for three to four more

The 10 villages of Sampti, most of which have been evacuated by the locals, must be entered under cover of darkness, although this is no guarantee of security. The Russians employ nightflying aircraft to drop as many

as 40 clusters of 10 to 12 flares

each — for a total of 400

bright-burning flares at a time - to illuminate the border. In addition, they use a truckmounted search-light, the powerful heam of which sweeps up and down the river at random, illuminating both sides of the border for the watch-tower guards.

The Russians are our historical enemies; they are looking for any pretext to attack us. and the current pretext is Tajikistan," Bashir said.

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TOWARDS NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE: Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Monday urges the Ministry of Health to a bus slain, a speed up the implementation of a national comprehensive health ing slight & insurance system. Speaking during an inspection visit to the bomb ba, a main ba, enjoy independent management and seek to provide health benefits incires how by a both hospitals and government-run health centres. He noted that hospitals and government-run health centres. He noted that he said the ministry warehouses should have sufficient stocks of drugs to last base that at least four months. Addressing a meeting attended by Health base that the said th officials to take necessary procedures to end drug wastage at bage due. Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas and senior ministry officials, Dr. and hop. Majali stressed the need for close cooperation with other concerned. lage in the government departments. Dr. Malhas said the ministry recently n was the formed a special committee to prevent any wastage of drugs. He twere high also noted that the Health Ministry and the Civil Defence then bepartment (CDD) have reached an agreement on organising a und rounds idmited ambulance serves.
wo incides public funds (Petra photo) nited ambulance service to prevent duplicating services and save

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

рожен Regent congratulates Azerbaijan

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday sent a cable to Azeri President Gaidar apparent Aliyev congratulating him in his name and on behalf of the The real to Jordanian people and government on Azerbaijan's independence day. Prince Hassan wished Mr. Aliyev continued good health and hade, here are and the Azeri accorde further progress and prosperity. hade, he happiness and the Azeri people further progress and prosperity.

ble pour Agriculture minister receives Iraqi counterpart

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Agriculture Marwan Kamal Monday received in his office Iraqi Minister of Agriculture and digation Abdul Wahab Al Sabbagh who arrived in Amman Sunday on his way to Khartoum. Dr. Kamal and Dr. Sabbagh discussed Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation. The meeting was attended by Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture Ghaleb Abu reported. Urabi and Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Nouri Ismail Al Weis.

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Ometre & MAFRAQ (Petra) — The Mafraq Social Development Depart-yearant :ment Monday decided to open a school for the mentally retarded and the deaf in the governorate, according to Director of the Department Ahmad Shudeifat. Mr. Shudeifat said the school will start operation at the beginning of the next scholastic year.

himon h. Arab agriculture official to arrive for talks

raeli eme AMMAN (Petra) - Director General of the Arab Agricultural Development Organisation Yahya Bakour will arrive in Amman aying the Tuesday on a three-day, visit to Jordan as part of a tour of several Arab countries. Dr. Bakour will hold talks with Jordanian et with officials on agricultural development projects and boosting Jupped existing cooperation between Jordan and the organisation.

Official urges industries to focus on quality

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan last of Industry and Trade has recentyear imported \$3 billion worth of goods while its exports of national products reached \$1.25 billion. according to Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Marwan Awad.

"There is urgent need for the local industries to focus on producing high-quality products that meet international standards and specifications, so that they can market national products abroad," said Mr. Awad at the opening of a meeting called 10 discuss metrology in Jordan. The meeting was organised in cooperation with the Amman Chamber of Industry and the German Agency for Technical Coopera-

"Foreign countries importing our proudcts are not satisfied by mere assurances that the exported Jordanian commodity is of good quality and they subject every item to tests 10 ensure that it is of the required standard and specification," said Mr. Awad.

He told the meeting, the fifth of its kind so far to be organised by the ministry, that the Ministry

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

* "ACOR at 25," in celebration of 25 years of archaeological research in Jordan, at the American Center of Oriental

☆ Art exhibition by Syriao artist Sakhr Farzat at the Balka Art

☆ Exhibition of a new collection of art works by Princess Wijdan

☆ Exhibition of paintings and ceramics by All Al Mi'mar, Hazem
Al Zu'bi, Abdul Raonf Sham'oun and Jalal Ureigat at

* Art exhibition by Rana Dia and Mohammad Kadoumi at the

☆ Exhibition of British Archaeological projects in Jordan at the

LECTURE

A Lecture, in Arabic, entitled "The Criticism of Arab Political

CONCERT

Concert by the Amman players' orchestra at g p.m. at the

JERASH FESTIVAL

Arabic recital at the Royal Cultural Centre at 5:30 p.m.

☆ Concert by Jordanian singer Usama Jahour at the Southern Theatre of Jerash at 8:30 p.m.

Thought" by Mohammad Kishly at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:30 p.m.

Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra Shopping Centre.

Ali at The Gallery, Hotel Jordan InterContinental.

ly installed special equipment to monitor local factories' compliance with standards and specifications, said Mr. Awad.

A total of 120 engineers from the private and public sectors took part in the One-day meeting, organised under a Jordanian-German programme for the development of national standards and specifications.

Math Matthias Meyer, counsellor at the German Embassy in Amman, outlined the main aims of the Jordanian-German standards and specifications project, saying that it is designed to boost Jordanian exports to world markets.

Mr. Meyer also reviewed German-Jurdanian technical cooperation in agriculture, rural development, vocational training, water and industry.

According to Engineer Hassan Saoudi, head of the ministry's Specifications and Standards Department, the seminar was part of the ministry's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of industrial

Minister demands immediate action to curb cement factory pollution

AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Mohammad Mahdi Farhan Monday instructed Jordan Cement Factories Company (JCFC) to take immediate measures 10 curb atmospheric pollution caused by cement dust and smoke emanating from its

factory in Fuheis. The situation is very serious and poses direct danger to the local inbabitants' lives," the minister said at a meeting.

The Fuheis cement factory was built 40 years ago when the town had few inhabitants living away from the site of the factory. The town has since expanded signifi-cantly and its buildings are within the vicinity of the factory, Mr. Farhan said at the meeting which was called to discuss pollution from cement dust.

Two German experts in the cement industry, representatives of several concerned departments as well as the President of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), Anis Muasher, Senate Member Laila Sharaf and Engineer Hatem Halawani, the factory manager, were present at the meeting.

Measures should be taken immediately to deal with the pollution in Fubeis," said Mr. Farhan, adding that the present level of pollution from cement dust in the atmosphere and affecting the town's atmosphere is nearly double that of the acceptable standards in European countries.

For his part, Mr. Halawani outlined the factory's efforts to reduce the amount of cement dust falling from the chimneys to a minimum. He said that foreign experts have been invited by the factory to help it minimise the amount of falliog cement dust.

The German experts had sugsted that the factory insulate itself from the rest of the town by setting up a "buffer zone" at least 500 metres wide while studies continue to introduce other and more effective measures to stem the source of pollution.

The Fuheis residents sent a petition to the Lower House of Parliament and the Prime Minister earlier this year urging immediate government intervention to deal with the barmful effects of cement pollution.

RSCN President, Mr. Muasher, reviewed, the problems affecting the environment in Jordan as a result of the cement dust spewing up from the Fuheis factory chimneys and the Rashadiyeh Cement Plant in Southern

"Not only dust but also smoke continues to rise from these fac-

town of Fuheis and the southern wild life reserve of Dana near the city of Tafileh, said Mr. Muasher.

Similar efforts had been contemplated by earlier governments including that former Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker when then Minister of Industry and Trade Abdullah Ensour stressed that the Jordan Cement Factories Company exert strepuous efforts at the sites of its two factories ins Fuheis and Rashadiveb to combat environmental

In March Dr. Ensour said the company's efforts come implementation of directives issued by His Majesty King Hussein to give more attention to environmental problems. He said the ministry, the municipalides and the company understand the need to address environmental pollution, pointing out that any effort to tackle this problem will be difficult and costly.

Speaking about the company's drive to tackle environmental pollution, he said the company is carrying out a JD 35 million programme in Al Fuheis and Al Rashadiyeh areas.

During the first stage of the programme, Dr. Ensour said, JD 10 million will be spent on installtories, heavily polluting the ing dust filters, and the second

stage will entail launching a pub-

lic awareness campaign. He stressed that the Cabinet has decided to adhere to this programme to ensure that it is fully implemented. The minister explained that the Cabinet's stand is based on its belief that the industrial sector should be supported because of its positive role in the national economy and at the same time the negative aspects resulting from industries should be tackled and stemmed.

At that ome, Mr. Halawani said that the company had retained experts from international organisations and companies manufacturing dust filters, as well as consultancy firms specialised in the cement industry to study the situation and present recommendations to solve any pollution problems resulting from factor-

Mr. Halawani said the cost of urgently needed projects amount to JD 8.5 million, including modernising its filters and purchasing

When the company increases its production capacity, he said, these costs will rise to JD 10.4 million.

The cost of secondary projects stands at JD 6.5 million, he

Western Asia unemployment chronic — ESCWA

AMMAN (Petra) — The unemployment rate is chronie in the countries of the Western Asia region, currently affecting 10 to 20 per cent of their combined total workforce, according to the executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

Nearly all these countries lack the proper means to measure and assess the exact rates of unemployment among their respective workforce and their statistical systems have failed to obtain reliable figures, said ESCWA Execuove Secretary Sabah Bakjaji Monday at the opening of a fourday seminar organised to focus on the problem of unemployment and poverty in the Western Asia

Most Arab states are represented at the meeting which is discussing unemployment issues, returning workers from the Gulf crisis, the relacionship between unemployment and poverty, economic restructuring programmes



Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz (second from right) Monday addresses the opening session of a seminar on unemployment and poverty in the Western Asia region (Petra photo)

and economic reform.

Case studies under scrutiny are Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and the Israeli-occupied Palestinian lands, according to ESCWA.

"We bope that this meeong would give the participants sufficient opportunity to delve into these issues and team op with ESCWA to arrive at solutions," said Dr. Bakiaii.

It is also hoped that the outcome of this meeting would reflect a united Arab stand on social problems to be submitted to the international conference to be held in Denmark, added Dr.

Bakjaji. .The Denmark meeting, expected in March 1994, will: address employment as a means: of reducing the effects of poverty.

and improving the status of socie-

ty world-wide, Dr. Bakjaji explained.

The meeting was opened by Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz who said unemployment is closely linked to the high population growth rates in the countries of the Western Asia.

More births mean more people entering the labour market, including those with college education, the minister said.

He said expanding higher education without linking it to the needs of the local markets contributed to the present high rate of unemployment among educated youtb.

Dr. Fariz urged the concerned authorides to search diligently for effective measures that would reduce unemployment rates and deal with social and economic problems.

The participants to the seminar, at the Amra Hotel, are specialised in socio-economic issues or representatives of major organisations in the Arab World.

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The language of war

FOR THE second consecutive day Monday, Israel continued to wreak havoc on the cities and villages of Lebanon. To say that this new Israeli offensive will undermine the peace process is an understatement. The aggression, unjustified despite all the explanations that the Israeli propaganda machine is offering, exposes the true face of the Israeli policies and approaches in the region: That of an aggressor deaf to the calls of reason and unwilling to trade guns for

Israel should stop its hostilities on Lebanon not just out fear of another "Lebanon morass" or in order not to destroy the peace talks. It should do so because the killing of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians is an act of terrorism that the world should condemn and because the vicious cycle of violence that it is engulfing the area will save neither the Arabs nor the Israelis.

Tension in South Lebanon is not the outcome of a few Katyusha missiles that the Lebanese resistance fired on the occupiers of their land. It is the inevitable consequence of a situation that Israel first created by occupying Lebanese territory and then made worse by using it as a platform to intimidate the Lebanese people. There is one way to end this situation. It is for Israel to withdraw its troops from an area that they have no business being in.

By refusing to end its occupation of Lebanou, and indeed other Arab territories, Israel is strengthening the causes of the warmongers on both sides of the divide. The concept of Arab-Israeli peace can never sink in among people who continue to see their loved ones falling victim to the military might of Israel. Zionists who reject peace with the Arabs would argue more strongly that Israel can rely on its military superiority to force its terms on the Arabs. That, by ard, is a reci that Israeli policy is promoting.

"Do we bear children so that they can be killed?" the Jerusalem Post quoted an Israeli woman as saying when she saw an Israeli wounded man carried out of a building hit by a Katyusha. No, she doesn't.

And it is the Israeli leaders who have to answer to her and to thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese women who have had to struggle with the same question for far too long. The deaths of Arabs and Israelis are tragedies for which only Israel is responsible. It is Israel which started the violence and it is Israel which can stop it.

No amount of Israeli fire can deter the Lebanese resistance from fighting to liberate their land. This is the reality that Israel should accept to understand and accordingly end the violence by recalling its troops home. This is the reality that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher too should have on mind when he tours the region later next week.

Occupation is the cause of all the bloodshed in the Middle East. If America wants peace in the region, it should work to end it, and end it fast.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

JORDAN HAS strongly condemned Israel's fresh attacks on Lebanon which caused widespread destruction and loss of innocent life and demanded a halt to these acts of aggression, said Al Ra'i daily Monday. The paper said that Jordan's voice was expressed by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali who reiterated the Kingdom's total commitment to peace and called for the world community to bring about an end to the sufferiogs of the people in the Arab region. The prime minister, said the paper, has described the escalation in Israel's war activities in Lebanon and the extensive raids on the Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian positions as undermining the peace efforts before a tour of the region by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Indeed. said the paper, such aggression can only undermine the stability and security of the whole region and the continued occupation of Lebanon can only provoke violence and counter violence from both sides. The perpetuation of occupation and the continuous acts of aggression clearly prove that Israel is obsessed by its racist and expansionist policies, is determined to defy the international legitimacy and is not interested in the establishment of peace, the paper continued. The paper called on Arab countries to adopt a infied stand and take collective action, on all fronts and through all possible means, to stem Israel's arrogance and its evil plots against the Arab Nation.

COMMENTING ON Israel's renewed acts of aggression on Lebanca, a columnist in Al Dustour said that Lebanon and all the resistance forces in the south of the country have the legitimate right to fight occupation and defend the Arab homeland. Mohammad Kawash said that Israel is using the peace negotiations with the Arabs to protect itself in the face of any condemnation or criticism for pursuing its aggression on Lebanon. One can only express regret over the Arab World's stand with regard to the aggression and continued occupation of South ebanon : the Arab countries are satisfied with issuing statements condimning the Israeli practices but not lifting a finger to deal with the situation, said the writer. In view of the situation, the writer : . I he did not expect the Arab parties to the peace talks to abarran their meetings with the Israelis because they are not concerned with what is happening in South Lebanon. But, he said, it shows be emphasised that resistance activity in the occupied terr is ries is the right of the local population who will no doubt intensity heir daring attacks on Israel until it withdraws its troops from the region.

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The View From Fourth Circle

Riding the confederal roller coaster once again

The on-again, off-again confederal embrace between Jordan and Palestine appears on again these days, which is a good thing in my view. Yet, the issue is complex and sensitive and if it is to be done right, the process and nature of confederation must be approached in a far more diligent and democratic manner than has been the case to date.

The modern legacy of Jordan/Palestine is an erratic record of unity and separation that reflected the rigours of 20th century Levantine political history, including: the post-1950 unity of the two banks of the Jordan, the occupation of the West Bank/Gaza in 1967, the proposition of the United Arab Kingdom in the early 1970s, confederal suggestions in the early 1980s, the joint Palestinian-Jordanian agreement of 1985, the Palestine National Council's official approval of confederal links with Jordan, the Jordanian disengagement from Palestine in 1988, the subsequent Jordanian official recognition of the state of Palestine, and, now, the renewed talks for confederal ties.

Three particular points strike me as important in today's context: the many bonds favouring coofederation, the political dictates that drive the current confederal urges and the manner in which confederal ties may be achieved.

 The fact of confederation is both logical and natural, given the small size of both entities, their many vulnerabilities and the strong bonds that have been established between both peoples in the last century (not to mention the even more powerful ancient historical/cultural forces that make confederation compelling). It would be a historical anomaly, and an almost impossible nation-building challenge, for Jordan and Palestine to try to develop as independent states separated by the sorts of borders and socio-economic barriers that define relations among most

Clearly, there is strength in numbers. Jordanians and Palesti-nians are more likely to assure a decent future for their people if they work hand-in-hand. This is especially true in terms of natural resources, transport and communication links, water, and econo-

2) The motives for confederation, however, are as important as the factors that will determine it. I am sceptical of confederal arrangements that are driven by short-term diplomatic goals, as may be the case at present. We passed through this route in the 1980s, when confederal ties were mooted as a means of responding to the Reagan Plan and other American initiatives. The unspoken rationale and urgency for confederation, in the view of some but not all people, is that it would respond to Israeli-American concerns about an independent Palestinian

Confederation must reflect the historical and socio-economic realities of Palestine/Jordan and the buman and political identity of both peoples, its primary goal and impetus must be to assure the well-being of Jordanians and Palestinians and not to assuage the emotional frenzy and historical delinquencies of Israelis, Americans and other guilty parties. One of the most compelling lessons of our very ancient history in this region is that local geo-strategic arrangements that are devised by foreign powers, or on the basis of criteria those powers set for us, cannot and do not

3) The way to overcome such potential pitfalls is to go about the business of confederation in a far more open and diligent manner than had been done in the past. This is not relevant duly to Jordanian-Palestinian ties, but also to the attempts to unify, confederate or integrate that have been made by scores of Arab states in the last half a century. Not a single attempt at intra-Arab national integration or unity has lasted for more than a few years. or gone beyond surface niceties, because the process of unification has always been flawed. (I do not count the so far successful unification of Yemen in this respect because the division of Yemen into two states was historically abnormal, and therefore

the reunification was inevitable).

In all recent cases where Arab states have tried to integrate their resources and systems, the decisions were always made unilaterally by political leaderships that did not consult their people. Though grassroots support for pan-Arab integration remains strong, we have not seen a single case this century of unity that was brought about from the bottom up - i.e. by the people and by popular organisations setting the terms for unity and therefore establishing a strong foundation upon which the political leaderships could then build a lasting structure. This applies to Jordan/Palestine as well as to many other cases of unsuccessful Arab integration (Iraq/Syrla, Libya/Egypt, Sudan/Egypt, Jordan/Syria, Egypt/Syria, Libya/Sudan, etc.).

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The current Jordanian/Palestinian confederal discussions are an opportunity therefore, to achieve three related aims: to develop stronger bilateral relations that serve the mutual interests of both people; to reverse the last century's pattern of indigenous national configurations that respond to foreign interests more than they respond to the interests of the indigenous Arab/Islamic people of this region; and to strike a powerful blow for the concept of Arab/Islamic pluralistic democracy that must become the defining

feature of Jordan and Palestine alike.

The specific suggestion I would make today is that we should radically reassess the institutional and political arrangements in place for agreeing on confederation between Jordan and Palestine. The six committees of ministers and senior officials that are now working on the subject represent a continuation of the erratic political gyrations of the past — a top-heavy mode of political decision-making that has made the people dizzy with oo-again, off-again confederal journeys that threaten to become a permanent bistorical roller coastet.

In their institutional totality and their political symbolism, the committees of Palestinian and Jordanian officials perpetuate a failed and wearisome legacy of top-heavy decision-making that has not brought Palestinians and Jordanians the national well-

being they both deserve. This is not necessarily the fault of the individuals, for the individuals change every few years. The problem is with the mechanism itself.

Unity or confederation decided by comfortable politicians, rich merchants, and well-entrenched bureaucrats is unlikely to work, because such people are not sufficiently in touch with the real lives of the millions of ordinary people who will make or break confederation in the end. Such a top-heavy decision-making process will only add to the confused national mythology of the modern Arab World, rather than improve the lives of ordinary Arab people. If it fails, it will only increase the scepticism, bitterness and anger that already define large segments of the Arab grassroots. Confederation is rather different from issuing a contract for imported lentils, determining axle loads or deciding on how best to promote lengthern savings in the Soungiel sector. on how best to promote long-term savings in the fioancial sector. Those kinds of technical decisions can be made by individuals or committees. Confederation is a whole different game — one that must be played by far larger teams on both sides.

To succeed, the confederalisation process must be greatly

expanded and strengthened by a very open and broad process of political dialogue and consultation at all levels of society. The importance of getting the confederation right, and the symbolism of adhering to democratic and consultative principles that we boast about so often, both demand an ongoing, honest, public dialogue about all aspects of confederation. Such a dialogue must take place in every corner of the land, in the media, in political institutions, in bomes, schools, community clubs, religious gatherings, business enterprises, sectoral associations, sports and leisure clubs, by young and old, and men and women alike.

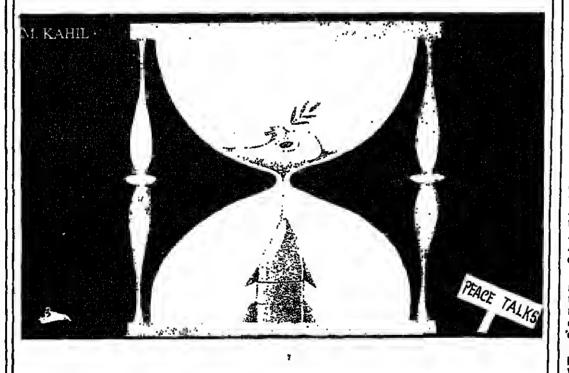
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the nature and aims of the coofederation now being proposed. The people of Jordan and Palestine must provided the primary inputs to a political process that may determine the fate of our children and grandchildren for generations to come. Many important and sensitive questions must be answered: What do we mean by coofederation? Why do we want it? How will we express our distinct characteristics, while bonding together in those many areas where we form a single entity? How do we work out the question of a single representation of the larger coofederated unity? How do we address the legitimate fears and concerns of folks on both sides? How can this confederation be established so that it could expand in future to include other component parts, and is such a future expansion desirable?

I believe that such momentous decisions should be made by the broadest possible cross section of Jordanians and Palestinians, rather than only by committees of bureaucrats/politicians who encapsulate some of the most glaring qualitative failures of modern Arab bistory. To give these two sectors responsibility for working out the articles of confederation between Jordan and Palestine strikes me as antiquated, cruel and faint-hearted.

We would look rather foolish, in the eyes of history as well as in the eyes of our children, if we go though another routine exercise of excited confederal discussions only to abandon the process a few months or years down the road, as bas happened throughout this century. It is time we rid ourselves of the baggage of failed old ways and live up to the full promise of our contemporary democratic instincts.

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Real talks

By Shlomn Gazit

TWENTY ONE months have gone by since Madrid. After 10 rounds of exhausting and frustrating talks, the peace negotiations Washington are stuck at a critical stage: the search for a joint Israeli-Palestinian declaration of principles defining the purpose of the talks.

If the matter were not so serious, it would be funoy. The present crisis is not over anything substantive or new; rather it is the third attempt to draft a compromise document on the purpose of

the negotiations. The first was 15 years ago, at Camp David. Discussions at the time on a document of principles for an Israeli-Egyptian peace in-cluded a general "framework" for an overall Israeli-Arab agreement, including one with the Palestinians (namely, an interim phase of five years of a selfgoverning authority in the territories administered by Israel, and talks beginning in the third year to determine in the third year to determine the final status of those

territories). The second attempt came after the Gulf war, when former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker came to the region and shuttled among the capitals until agreement was reached on the negotiating format which was festively launched at the Royal Palace in Madrid.

And now, for 21 months, we have been trying to redraft the framework for negotiations. Perhaps we are doing the pro-

the three occasions cited, the attempt was made to slightly broaden what was agreed upon in the previous relevant document. But real, practical, negotiations - discussions on the issues themselves — bave not yet begun.

tration and disappointment on both sides has increased. Going through President Ezer Weizman's book, The Fight for Peace, in which he describes the

progress, but the feeling of frus-

talks with Egypt in 1977-79, one reads about the military negotiat-ing delegation which he headed and which arrived in Egypt about a month after Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem. After a brief courtesy meeting

with Sadat at bis villa at Ismailiya on the banks of the Canal, the first talks were held. The Egyptian delegation was headed by the war minister, Gen. Abmed Gamassi, the Israelis were led by Defence Minister Weizman.

Mr. Weizman was surprised: "They got straight to the point, without any delay over marginal details ... Whenever I returned to discuss a detail, Gamassi backed up, saying 'We want to talk about immediate peace, it has to be a full, real peace ...everything that you want.' At that stage, it was clear beyond any doubt: the Egyptians were striving for a goal-we had never dared to think about; we had thought full peace was a matter for the coming

generations." What characterised the success cess an injustice; at every one of of those talks were four elements;

they were held without any media coverage; - they did not include jurists

- there was no third party - not a minute was wasted on Not only has there been no

discussing an agenda, a format, a procedure - it was a purposeful, frank discussion on the issues themselves. Today, we are conducting

negotiations as though their pur-pose was not to reach an Israeli-Palestinian peace (or an Israeli-Syrian one); we are talking with the object of drafting a legal document in which we would emerge the winner in a future trial to determine who had breached the agreement.

We need a conceptual change, a totally different approach; the goal should dictate to the parties how to approach a dialogue. The present sense of dis-

appointment embraces all three parties involved: Israel, the Palestinians and the U.S. administration. All of us involved in the Israeli-Arab conflict have rich experience in contacts and nego-

Are the parties really not capable of learning from the endeavours that succeeded?

The writer, a former head of military intelligence, is a senior research fellow at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University. This article is reprinted from the Jerusalem

Handover delay likely, Nigeria analysts say

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Nigeria's 91 elected senators.

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Gen. Babangida and the sena-

LAGOS — Another delay looks likely in Nigeria's halting, sixyear march towards civilian rule, analysts have said.

They said military President Ibrahim Babangida's annulment of last month's presidential poll, which business tycoon Moshood Abiola says he won, and opposition to a new vote from Mr. Aug. 27 promised handover doubtful. Abiola's party made the general's

"No one realistically believes a new election can be conducted in the next 33 days when it took more than three months to conduct the one that was cancelled," one said.

"An extension of the transition programme now seems like one way out," he added.

A group of northern professionals calling themselves the Committee for the Survival of Democracy in Nigeria called Saturday for civilian rule to be delayed until Dec. 31.

Analysts said the group, a counter to the Lagos-based campaign for democracy which organised the protests two weeks ago over the poll cancellation, was made up of people close to some members of the military regime.

Tension has been high in Nigeria since Gen. Babangida cancelled the June 12 poll, which foreign and local observers said was free and fair.

One newspaper reported Sun-day under a banner headline that families were fleeing to their home areas.

"Non-indigenes in a number of states, particularly Lagos, Niger, Sokoto and Kaduna, have sent their wives and children back to the villages, fearing for their safety should there be any further demonstrations," the Sunday

Champion said.

The military insists on a fresh election to choose Gen. Babangida's successor, Mr. Abiola's Social Democratic Party (SDP) has vowed it would not take part. Its sole rival, the National Republican Convention (NRC) says it

On Friday, both parties finally met the electoral commission to discuss a tightly-packed timetable for a new poll on Aug. 14. The only outcome was to schedule more talks.

SDP leaders said their presence at Friday's talks did not mean it would change its position on a fresh election.

"We are here to reemphasise

the stand of the SDP that there

will be no meaningful election

between now and Aug. 27," party tors resolved to find ways to Chairman Tony Anenih said at break the deadlock, including the meeting.

Under the electoral commiselectoral college by the national electoral college by the national electoral college. sion's proposed new time-table, assembly to select a president. the fresh election could not take the two parties were to submit the credeotials of their new candi- place.

dates Monday, a deadline But the source said it was unlikely the military would buy analysts said was impossible besuch an idea since it turned down cause the parties have not yet its own suggestion of an interim They said it was more likely government two weeks ago. other solutions to the crisis may

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"No other mode for selecting president since the crisis began the president of Nigeria's third and that is significant," said a republic will be proper and acceptable," he added.

Analysts said with no going back on the annulment and the tors agreed to further consultations later this week on the political crisis. Political sources said the sena- was quite likely.

LETTERS

Private vs. public

To the Editor:

capital Abuja.

I am one of those who speak out for the private sector and encourage the government to promote its endeavour in all fields. I do believe that the private sector is one of the logical and correct avenues for the government to take in an effort to correct and improve the present economic situation.

Having accepted the role of the private sector in Jordan, I do believe that it is the role of the media and the individual journalists to investigate and help bring to light the abuses, misunderstanding and positive exchanges that occur between the public servant and the businessman.

On many occasions the private sector is served positively by the public servant. Such cases should be credited and declared for all

There are also many cases were the public servant abuses the private sector. Such cases must also be brought to light for all to

condemn and correct. The private sector has not yet developed enough strength to stand up against the wrongdoing of the individual public servant. Journalism is the fourth collum of democracy. Journalists are

given the right to ask questions, declare, analyse and comment on all aspects of our society. Therefore, I call upon all journalists to carry out investigative reporting, protecting the interest of all parties, public and private alike.

Wajih Murad,

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ACOR marks 25th year in Jordan

By Jennifer Hamarneh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Arcbaeological research ioto the region east of the Jordan River took hold with American and European explorers of the 19th century, and an organisation, which perhaps can, at least theoreti-cally, trace its roots back to those days, will Tuesday celc-brate 25 years of concrete work in the Kingdom.

The institute is the American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR), "a private, international, non-profit academic institution dedicated to promoting research and publication in the fields of archaeology, anthropology, history, languages, biblical stu-dies, Arabie and Islamie studies and other aspects of Near Eastern studies.

In preparation for the event which will be marked over two days, ACOR has published "ACOR: The First 25 Years," an illustrated book that first takes the reader through the 130 years of American research in Jordan, from 1838 to 1968. This section briefly describes the work of some of the early explorers and the development of ACOR's predecessor, the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), originally established in Jerusalem in 1900,

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Many 19th century Western visitors to the area published highly descriptive accounts of their travels. But in 1848 U.S. Naval Commander W.F. Lynch wrote "Narrative of the United States' Expedition to the Jordan River and the Dead Sea," which, according to ACOR, delved into a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the area that ACOR scho-

lars continue to follow today, During the early 20th century, the work of the Jerusalem-hased ASOR developed and was refined, particularly in the "systematic methods of digging and recording." Still, two world wars interrupted exeavations, and with the establishment of the state of Israel, ASOR was "cut off from direct participation in excavations in Israeli territory." Thus excavations expanded on the west and east banks of the Jordan River.

But, the Arab-Israeli war of "brought (ASOR's) archaeological activity to an abrupt end, and when Israel occupied the West Bank, an 'iron curtain" descended in the region, separating the two

sides of the Jordan River." Recognising this hindrance the American Centre of Orien-Ital Research in Amman was founded in July 1968 "to facilitate American participation in the excavation and preservation of Jordan's rich but largely untapped archaeological re-

Over the next decade ACOR took shape, conducting excavations and surveys in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities and the

University of Jordan. In 1975 and 1976 the cooperative effort of these three institutions in an intensive survey of the Jordan Valley resulted in the identification of more than 200 archaeological

According to Accor ments during the final years of the 1980s was the increase in the number of areas surveyed. Projects such as the Roman Limes Survey, the Yarmouk Dam Survey, the Baq'a Valley Survey, Karak Plateau Survey, and the Waui Al Hasa Survey, some of which continue today,

were initiated at this time. The rapid expansion of the centre's work led to the decision to construct a permaneot headquarters suited to ACOR's needs.

On Aog. 6, 1984 a groundbreaking ceremony, attended by 200 friends and supporters of ACOR, was held for the new building and presided over by Chief Chamberlain Prince

Ra'd Ben Zeid. On July 17, 1986, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad Ben Talal cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially opening the "only purpose-built research centre of its kind in the Near

The five-storey facility, in Tla Al Ali, today includes hostel rooms and apartments to persons, a library of over 20,000 volumes and periodicals, offices and workrooms for resident scholars, a computer room, Geological Informatioo System (GIS), Computer Aided Desigos (CAD) and drafting facilities, a 90-seat lecture hall with projection facilities, an archaeological conservation laboratory, and a darkroom.

ACOR Director Pierre M. Bikai explained that the centre was originally conceived as an institute "devoted exclusively to archaeological research, primarily that inspired by biblical studies." He said that during the last 25 years, "that vision has broadened to involve ACOR in a variety of disciplines."

Dr. Bikai indicated that in 1993, there will be more ACOR-related projects in the field than ever before and other projects are in various states of publication, but the shift in emphasis to include all of Jordan's historie and prehistoric periods has been progressing for the past decade.

In cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, ACOR is involved in the excavation and restoration of several sites. Funded by the United States

Agency for International Dcvelopment (USAID), current projects in this programme are the restoration of the Temple of Hercules in Amman and of a Byzantine church at Petra and the creation of archaeological parks in Madaba and at Ayla in Aqaba, an ancient Islamic site. It is hoped that these proiects will help to increase tourism to Jordan.

In addition to the compilation of oew information, ACOR is actively involved in the "interpretation of already existing data," and the use of the results to assist in preserving the cultural beritage of the Kingdom and the development of its tourist industry.

A component of this work is the Cultural Resources Management Programme, which seeks to "heighten awareness of the importance of antiquities among the business

community and government agencies as archaeological sites are increasingly threatened with destruction because of modern develop-

The project is creating a data base containing all identified archaeological sites in the velopment projects are plan-ned and designed these sites can be taken into consideration and saved from any damage or destruction.

ACOR-assisted archaeological projects have numbered more than 70 during the last 25 years. Descriptions of 21 of what ACOR terms its most



The restoration of the great Roman temple, popularly known as the Temple of Hercules on Al Qal'a (The Citadel). The American Center of Oriental Research Wednesday will dedicate the edifice, a

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significant projects appear in "ACOR: The First 25 Years." Although ACOR sees itself

as "firmly established at this time as the premier research facility of its kind in the Near East" its bouts with major

financial crises leave it less than secure, particularly be-cause of the lack of a perma-

nent endowment. The opening celebration of ACOR's 25 years of involvement in the country is scheduled for 5.00 p.m. today ar the ACOR centre in Tla Al Ali. An exhibition of some of the institute's projects will be on display, including its computer programme design for the Cultural Resources Management project and its computer application of the Geological Information System (GIS) programme in designing archaeological parks in Jordan.
On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.,
the Temple of Hercules will be dedicated in a ceremony at the Al Qal'a (the Citadel), marking the completion of the excavation and the restoration of the three columns at the Great Temple of Amman.

The project on the temple began in 1991 with the cooperation of the Department of Antiquities and the Ministry of Tourism. Visible from many parts of downtown, the three restored columns create a focal point for the Amman skyline.



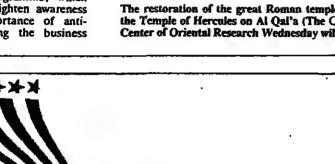
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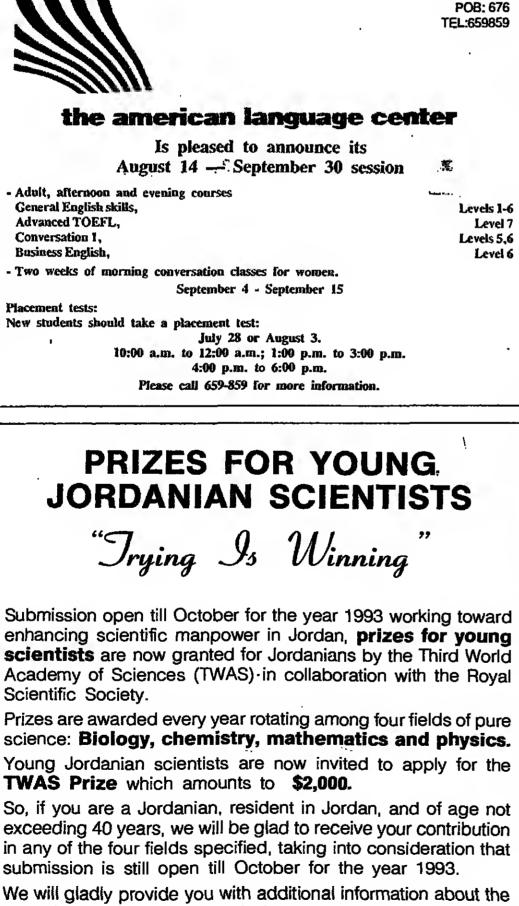
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Yeltsin eases rouble invalidation

MOSCOW (AP) - President Russians' wealth and violating Boris Yeltsin Monday softened the central bank's sweeping invalidation of billions of old ronhles, a surprise move that had stunned Russians and threatened a government crisis.

He said citizens would be given more time to trade old roubles for new banknotes and increased the amount they could obtain immediately in cash.

The central bank announced Saturday that only banknotes printed this year would be valid for purchases beginning Monday and gave Russians two weeks to exchange old bills for new. The move is intended to comhat inflation by removing cash from the

The finance ministry conde-mned the decree Monday, and Mr. Yeltsin's cabinet called a special meeting to deal with the situation after the president returned early from his vacation.

The rouble invalidation followed a week-long legislative attack on Mr. Yeltsin's market reforms by the legislature.

Amounts over 35,000 (\$35) about five weeks' average wages - were to be credited to savings accounts that could not he touched for at least six months. That would sorely test most Russians, who depend on cash for most transactions and avoid putting money into hanks because innterest rates lag behind infla-

Mr. Yeltsin raised the cap on cash exchanges to 100,000 rouhles, excluding 10,000-rouble notes issued in 1992, which he said could be exchanged in unlimited amounts.

His decree extended the period for exchanging old notes until Aug. 31. Some smaller denomioations also will remain valid for purchases throughout

The central hank's decree had sent Russians scurrying to try to get rid of their old rouhles over the weekend, but many vendors refused to accept the old hills. Parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov had warned Monday

that lawmakers would oust all officials who imposed the decree unless the deadline for exchanging old bills was extended and the amount people could get in cash

In a television address, Mr. Khasbulatov charged the rouble invalidation was confiscating States.

their human rights. "This aggravates the social-economic situation in the country even more and it must be urgently corrected," he

Russians frantically crowded around state-run savings banks Monday trying to get new 1993 banknotes for their old Soviet and Russian rouhles. But many banks remained closed.

The only people who seemed happy were beggars in the Siberian city of Vladivostok, who collected thousands of old rouhles that were tossed away hy passershy, the radio network Mayak said.

Central bank and cabinet officials had said they took the step to combat inflation that is running at 20 per cent a month and to liquidate hillions of old ronbles outside Russia's control in other former Soviet republics.

Mr. Yeltsin reportedly supported the action as a way to pressure the other former republics to cooperate on monetary and economic policy, officials said.

But the action immediately hlew up in his government's face by angering cirtizens. Mr. Yeltsin's decree said he was revising the measure to "defend the rights and lawful interests of Russian federation citizens."

The rouble jumped to 996.50 per dollar Monday, up from 1,004 on Friday, at the first currency auction since the measure was announced. But traders said the rise was due entirely to heavy huying of roubles by the central

Private money traders at kiosks in Moscow were paying 1,200 roubles per dollar, in what appeared to be a more realistic indication of the rouble's

The central bank estimates there are 250 billion old roubles in circulation, or about 12 per cent of the money supply. Five trillion roubles were printed in 1993, said deputy head of the central bank, Arnold Voilukov.

Members of Mr. Yeltsin's government previously blamed the central bank for fuelling inflation by printing too much money.

The rouble invalidation was announced while Mr. Yeltsin was vacationing and Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov was in the United

OPEC head flies home with no sign of solution

MANAMA (R) — OPEC President Jean Ping flew home Monday from a tour of the Middle East with little public indication of a solution to the weak oil market.

Prices have nonetheless at least temporarily halted their fall as doubt grew about wbether Iraq would be returning to the oil market soon and as it became apparent that OPEC would meet if prices went into a free-fall.

An airport source in the Saudi Arahian port of Jeddah said he headed home towards Gabon after a stopover in Jeddah. He had left Abu Dhabi Monday after earlier consultations with the oil ministers of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Mr. Ping arrived in the region Wednesday on a tour officially hilled as preparation for an emergency ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) he had announced for the end of

It soon became clear that OPEC members were divided even on whether such a meeting was needed, especially given un-certainty on whether U.N.-Iraqi negotiations on limited Iraqi oil exports would succeed, leading to a postponement of the OPEC

And there was little sign of gelling of opinion on the substantive issues either — how to reintegrate Kuwait into the quota system, eliminating above-quota production and who should cut most if and when Iraq actually

comes to the market.
The influential Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said at least some common ground would have to be found on these three points before there was any prospect of a successful meeting.
"So far none of these condi-

tions is remotely close to fulfillment," MEES said. Mr. Ping said Thursday night he was postponing the meeting until sometime beyond the first

week of August. The oil markets fell somewhat last week when the meeting was postponed, but they have not reacted drastically since then to OPEC's difficulties, which have been paralleled by a lack of official word from Iraq on a return to U.N. talks on its sales.

EMS strains may force Bundesbank to cut rates

bank to cut its key rates Thursday when it meets for the last time before the August holiday, German economists said here Mon-

At Julius Baer Bank, economist Gerbard Grebe said that he expected the discount and Lombard rates to be cut by half a point. This view was held by most other economists.

The Lombard rate has been at 8.25 per cent and the discount rate at 6.75 per cent since July 1. The central council would make its decisions Thursday

purely by reference to interna-

tional policy, Mr. Grebe said. The rate of growth of German M3 money supply and of inflation, the two main indicators used by the Bundesbank, "are both going in the wrong direction," he

The M3 money supply grew by 7.1 per cent in June from the average figure during the last quarter of last year compared with a target set by the bank for the whole of this year of between 4.5 and 6.5 per cent.

Inflation in June was running at an annual rate of 4.2 per cent compared with a target of two per cent for this year and the first signs of the figure for July did not suggest that the rate was slowing down, he said.

But if the French franc were to leave the EMS then "European monetary union will be delayed until who knows when?" be said. The Bundesbank did not want to see this happen.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper in an editorial Monday made a veiled appeal for a devaluation of the franc.

Under a headline "the EMS must remain flexible," it said that "an EMS, functioning well, with day."

FRANKFURT (AFP) — Strains occational changes in exchange within the EMS might lead the central council of the Bundesrates" would contribute more to tion than "a rigid system regularly raising new crisis."

> At West LB bank, Irgeen Rust noted that the Bundesbank never justified its monetary decisions by reference to the international situation. But this did not prevent it from acting occasionally, as in September for example, in response to circumstances even if it did not acknowledge doing so

The economists said that the Bundesbank had firmly decided to support the franc because the fundamental forces of the French economy were "good" and be-cause speculation was unjustified.

The lira and sterling were over-valued within the EMS in September which is not the case of the franc," Klaus Baader of Union Bank of Switzerland Phillips and Drew. But he noted that the Bundeshank did not have "unlimited" room for action and doubted that a reduction of a quarter or half a point in key rates would bring calm to the foreign exchange market.
"It would then be up to the

Bank of France," to act, he said. The bank had already taken one step by increasing its key ceiling rate from 7.75 per cent to 10 per

cent Friday. Mr. Rust said that Enropean central hanks had a duty to support currencies under attack when the fundamental economic factors of the country of which the currency is being attacked,

A reduction, even minimal, of key rates should release some of the tension in the EMS "because the speculators are counting on oothing happening on Thors-

Japan signals support for new East Asia grouping

SINGAPORE (AFP) — Japan threw its support Monday behind a proposal for a new grouping of East Asia's fastest growing economies formally endorsed by foreign ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) here last week.

Japanese Foreign Minister Kabun Muto, speaking at talks here between foreign ministers of ASEAN and the six-member group's major allies, also pledged to continue channelling aid to the region to fund economic expan-

The new gronping, a Malaysian initiative called the East Asia Economic Caucus (EAEC), was formally adopted as an ASEAN proposal after differences beout at the annual ASEAN foreign

ministers meeting. But Sonth Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-Joo said Seoul needed time to think about joining EAEC.
ASEAN foreign ministers de-

cided last week that EAEC would serve as an extension of the ASEAN economic ministers meeting but operate as a Caucus within the much larger 15member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
According to ASEAN officials, EAEC members would include most of those in APEC but excluding the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

ASEAN officials said Japan's support would provide the impetus for the EAEC's quick taketween Malaysia and Indonesia on off, stalled largely by Tokyo's setting up the Caucas were ironed reservations on the plan, which was criticised by the administration of former U.S. president

George Bush.
The Bush administration had

accused Malaysia of seeking to forge an East Asian alliance that could evolve into a trade bloc at a time of global concern over rising

protectionism. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, participating in the so-called post ministerial conferences with ASEAN allies, warned Asian countries Monday to keep their markets open if they want continued U.S. engagement in the region.

Apart from the United States. ASEAN's major allies and dialogue partners are the European Community, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.

Mr. Christopher said Washington was pushing ahead with its plan to host an informal conference of APEC leaders ministers failed to reach a consensus.

Malaysia has said it will not attend, but a senior ASEAN official said all the other ASEAN members would go to Seattle.

Iraq urges OPEC hostility against Saudi Arabia, Kuwait

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq re-newed its criticism of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Monday and said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would have to "unleash the sword" against them to stop them flooding the oil market.

"Oil exporting countries have to thoroughly realise that if they do not confront the greed of the Saud and Sabah families (rulers of Saudi Arabia and Knwait) ... they will have to stand up to what Iraq had to face in the past," warned the defence ministry

newspaper Al Qadissiyah. It said sooner or later "they (oil producers) will have to unleash their sword" against Saudi Ara-hia and Kuwait whose rulers it said were "marderers. Mercenaries, agents and suckers of the

blood of the people," They (Saudis and Kuwaitis) are back to their dirty conspiracy with exerted efforts to boost their oil production in order to lower prices." Qadissiyah said.

Iraq, its oil exports sealed by United Nations sanctions, warned Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Five

Moon aspects make this a good day for making sales and purchases that will bring you greater success.

Get an early start and set up

for the second straight day Monday of the danger of flooding world markets with oil.

On Sunday, the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said: The Arab masses ... cannot permit the Saud and Sabah families and those following them or petrol sheikhs to squander Arab

Oadissiyah said Monday the depressed oil prices, which it hlamed on Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, were directly linked to the "imminent return" of Iraq to international markets.

Israel devalues shekel

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel devalued the shekel against the dollar hy 2.0942 per cent Monday, cutting its value from 2,8050 to the U.S. dollar to 2,8650.

Central bank spokesman Yoav Lehman said the shekel also fell to 3,0709 from 3.0133 on Friday against a U.S. dollar-dominated basket of currencies, a.1,8756 per cent decline using the calculation of the International Monetary

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and Finance Minister Abraham Shobat said Saturday they were raising the midpoint of the basket of currencies by two per cent. Actual rates can fluctuate five per cent either side of the midpoint.

At the same time Israel lowered the automatic gradual against the basket from eight per cent to six per cent in anticipation of falling inflation in Israel, Mr. Frenkel said.

Since today is the first day of trading, the devaluationers very: natural and an obvious outcome. of the policy announced on Saturday," Mr. Lehman said.

not yet sufficiently upscaled its

demand from China to grow a

remarkable 10 per cent during the

The export growth rate then

slid back to six per cent during

the next quarter as effects from

the stronger yen dried up and exports to China suffered from

Beijing's anti-inflationary auster-

first quarter of 1993.

ity policies, they said.

Exports benefitted from the stronger Japanese yen and cheap-er South Korean won and surging

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money wise, tonight go after articles of beauty you desire. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Now it is a good day to make yourself as charming and attractive as you wish and later you can join in very special pleasures and be

GEMINI: (May 2) to June 21) You can early get rid of whatever stands in the way of your happiness and in the evening you are able to enjoy the society of the one who means

the most to you. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A very good day and evening to be very gregarious so get together with as many friends

and acquaintances as possible to enjoy being with them. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your public image can be greatly en-hanced today because you can make a splash in the public eye so accept invitations in the world ex-tended to you.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) All kinds of new interests that have a practical working basis to

THE Daily Crossword by Fred Toole

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JULY 27, 1993

would now be wise to focus your time and attention. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be very business like now in letting those who have the articles

especially of charm and beauty, that you wish know you are interested in securing them. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You would be wise to charm whatever associates or part-

with in the future into going along with your social plans. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) One of those days when you see the best means for

doing whatever your activities in such a manner that they glisten and bring you added success. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) You certainly have one of the best of your days for having a wonderful time so early make preparations and then you can really have a ball.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have been thinking about adding more beauty and colour to your home and you won't have a bener time than today to make such definite arrangements. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Now you have a day when whatever means of communica-tions are available should be utilised to let those you admire etc., know of your appreciation for

Analysts: S. Korea likely to miss '93 macroeconomic goals the Federation of Korean Indusother developing countries in overseas export markets as it has packar have yet to trickle down ment Bank said in a report that

SEOUL (AFP) — The slump has hit rock hottom and South Korea's economy has started its slow recovery in the first quarter. but analysis say the government's projected growth rate of between

six and seven per cent for the year is certain to be missed. The central Bank of Korea said in a recent release that the Gross National Production (GNP) grew by 3.9 per cent for the first six months to June this year, up from three per cent in the previous six

central bank said, the economy

For the whole of this year, the

was expected to grow 5.7 per cent, with GNP expanding 7.2 per cent during the second half.

The central bank also said prices rose 4.2 per cent during the first half and projected an overall inflation rate of between 4.9 to

5.4 per cent for the year. However, the central bank's official projections were viewed by economists as overly optimis-

"The worst is passed, but re-covery will be very slow and mild," an analyst with Korea Economic Research Institute of

tries said. "The government target of six to seven per cent grewth seems overly ambitious," said the analyst. Lee Soo-Hee, pointing out that business firms were underinvesting despite a recent short-

term stimulus package.

As South Korea tumbled into its worst-ever slnmp in more than a decade, the new government of President Kim Young-Sam announced a 100-day stimulus package in March to jumpstart

the sluggish economy. Although the effects of the

throug, the economy, increasing numbers of analysts fear the stimulus package will turn out to be ineffectual and will end np fanning inflation.

The package included cheaper bank loans and the removal of red tape hampering husiness activities, hut investment contracted 4.9 per cent during the first half of this year, compared to the same quarter a year earlier, amid lackluster prospects for profits on new investment.

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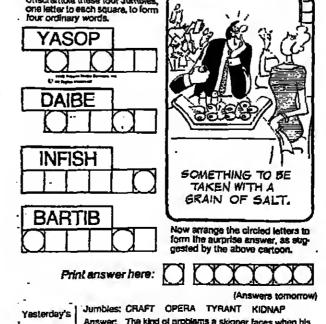
capital investment was expected to gain 9.6 per cent during the second half for an overall increase of 2.4 per cent for the

However, economists noted that high interest rates discourage new capital investment as about 20 per cent of existing production facilities sit idle. Returns for three-year corporate bonds are now hovering over 13 per cent.

As a long-term prospect, they said, South Korea faces rising competition from China and



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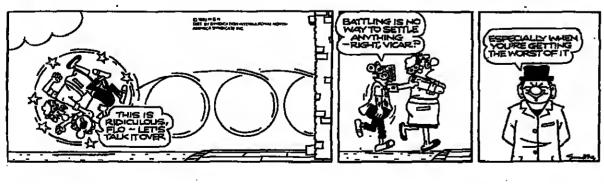


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Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

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Swiss Franc	0.4558	0.4581
French Franc	0.1179	0.1185
Japanese Yen "	0.6504	0.6537
Dulch Guilder	0.3580	0.3598
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Belgian Franc	0.01944	0.01954

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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Indonesia mulls quitting rubber, coffee groups

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesia, hit by sagging prices of many of its agricultural exports, bas said it was considering quitting several commodity organisations including those grouping coffee and rubber producers.

The official Actara News Agency quoted Trade Minister Budiardio Yudono as saying he was reviewing membership of both the International Rubber Organisation (INRO) and the International Coffee Organisation

"Indonesia is reconsidering the merits and demerits of remaining a member of the two organisations. We may well withdraw from them if we conclude that the demerits outweigh the merits." he was quoted as saying.

ABU DHABI (AFP) — United

Arab Emirates (UAE) monetary

authorities have asked all UAE

banks to present details of their

financial position as part of a

drive to strengthen the banking

sector along guidelines set by the Bank of International Settlement

In a circular obtained by AFP,

the central bank told banks they

should provide statements about

their loans over the past five

years, as well as their sharehol-

ders, equities and deposits with

ly such financial details for the

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It also asked them to supply figures on their assets and liabili-

ties in the other Gulf Coopera-

"All banks were asked to supp-

banks outside the UAE.

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Last month Mr. Yudono said he was reviewing Indonesia's position in the two organisations but stressed it did not necessarily mean Indonesia planned to leave

Antara said Mr. Yudono blamed the two for poor policy decisions which he said had on occasion triggered price drops.

Leaders of Latin America's eight major coffee producing nations last week called a meeting in early September to consolidate a coffee retention scheme to push

They invited other producers to join the scheme and a new sociation they plan to form. Mr. Yudono did not comment on the Latin Americans' offer.

tion Council (GCC) states and

among countries belonging to the

Organisation of Economic Coop-

eration and Development

The move is the latest in a

series of measures by the central

bank to ensure local banks boost

their financial position and meet

the BIS's eight per cent limit of

capital adequacy, which is the ratio between shareholders'

The other GCC states - Saudi

Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait

and Qatar - bave also embarked

on measures to force banks to

The adequacy level, recom-

mended by the BIS's Basel Com-

mittee, took effect early this year

and is considered as a guideline

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UAE banks asked to detail

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(OECD).

Yemen sees prosperity as more oil flows

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Yemeo, classified as one of the world's poorest nations, is looking to a new era of prosperity as its oil production rises and more crude and gas are discovered.

From a few hundred barrels a decade ago, the Red Sea country hopes crude output will reach 400,000 barrels per day (b/d) this year and more than 700,000 b/d before the year 2000, according to Yemeni officials.

Yemen currently produces about 280,000 b/d and a newlydiscovered giant field in the southern province of Hadramaut would add some 120,000 b/d when it is commissioned in September, to mark the country's national day.

"Yemen is entering a new era of development and prosperity as studies bave shown it sits atop

for banks worldwide to ensure

they have enough funds to face a

Government measures in the

UAE, launched just after Basel

announced adequacy plans in

1988, have produced results, with

several banks reporting a sharp

rise in capital adequacy and others working to meet BIS stan-

Although no mergers occurred,

shareholders' equity in national banks rose by 5.5 per cent to 11.65 billion dirhams (\$3.17 bil-

lion) in 1992 after an increase in

capital and provisions, a central

With assets standing at nearly

100.5 billion dirhams (\$27.3 billion) at the end of 1992, capital

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huge oil and gas resources," Ye-men's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mohammad Al Khawi, told AFP.

The new field at Masila was struck by the Canadian Occidental oil firm in December 1991 and its reserves have been revised up to more than a billion barrels from around 500 million, according to Yemeni officials.

Oil will be pumped to the port of Shahr through a 165-kilometre pipeline, which along with other facilities have to date cost \$500

The field's reserves bave

pushed up Yemeo's total crude reserves to around four billion barrels but officials expect that to increase as more than 30 Arab and foreign companies are still

exploring for hydrocarbons. In a report from Sanaa, the UAE semi-official daily Al ltthad quoted Yemeni oil officials as saving the field's production

crude is expected to be discovered in that area.

"Oil exports from Hadramaut for the first time constitute the beginning of a prosperous age for Yemen," it quoted the province's governor, Saleh Abbud Al Khu-

lani, he saying. The Republic of Yemen which emerged in May 1990 from a merger of North and South Yemeo, hopes additional oil export revenues will help it tap its enormous gas reserves and tackle its worsening post-Gulf war economic problems.

Its gas reserves of 4.6 trillion cubic metres are among the largest in the world but its production does not exceed 1.4 billion cubic metres a year, a fraction of output in neighbouring Gulf states which have equivalent

Yemen's current crude output with domestic consumption could increase in future as more standing at about 65,000 b/d - year. The figure is expected to rise sharply when oil from Masila

begins to flow. Oil exports have helped Yemen cut its budget deficit by boosting revenues to \$2.8 billion

in 1991 against \$1.3 billion in Yemen is saddled with external debts of about \$6 billion and a one-billion-dollar trade deficit.

The country suffers from a low growth and investment rate and high unemployment triggered by the repatriation of more than a million Yemenis from Sandi Arabia during the Gulf war, when... their country was viewed as siding with Iraq following its invasion ef

Yemen recently launched a di-3 plomatic campaign aimed at mending fences with its wealth. Gulf Arab neighbours in a bid to. attract aid and investments. It is working to settle a land dispute with Riyadh.

U.S. share in Bahrain offshore banking rises

MANANA, Bahrain (AP) -The share of American banks in Bahrain's offsbore banking market climbed to 41 per cent last year, compared to only 29 per cent the year before, the Bahrain Monetary Agency's annual report has said.

The agency, which acts as Babrain's central bank last week reported a 30.7 per ceot increase in the assets of offshore banking units in 1992. It said these totaled \$69.8 billion in 1992, compared to \$53.4 billion in 1991.

The report stressed that the offshore banking units had recovered from the doldrums of the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

Like the rest of the countries in the regioo, Bahrain suffered a flight of capital after Iraq invaded

Kuwait in August 1990. One month before the invasion, assets of the banking units were estimated at \$71.17 billion. The island state of about half a million population has established itself since the oil boom years of the 1970's as an offshore

The agency report said 47. banking units operate on the is-

The increase in the U.S. share of the market apparently was at the expense of Arab banks. The report said the Arab banks' share fell to 41 per cent, compared to the 53 per ceot registered in 1991.

Among other banking groups, the share of French banks rose by 0.6 per cent to seven per cent, while that of British banks fell to banking center for the Gulf re- 1.1 per cent from 1.3 per cent.

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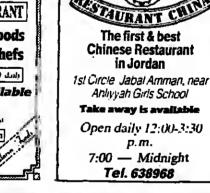
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Noodles that

iistened to Vivaldi

to be sold in Japan

TOKYO (AFP) — A Japanese company is to start selling noodles in September whose taste has

allegedly been improved by listening to Antonio Vivaldi's

Four Seasons, a company official said Monday. Takasago Shokuhin, the medium-sized noodle

manufacturer, says experiments

bave shown that the Japanese

"udon" noodle tastes better if it

dries and matures under a shower

plays the Four Seasons together with recordings of birds chirping

for four bours in its udon factory

of classical music. The company

U.N. commander in Bosnia vows to retaliate if troops attacked again

SARAJEVO (R) — The commander of U.N. troops in Bosnia angrily blamed Serbs Monday for an artillery assault on a U.N. base anti-tank weapons rained down in Sarajevo and said his forces for 45 minutes Sunday on would return fire immediately if Sarajevo's 1984 Winter Olympic

they came under attack again. Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, who bad earlier said he could not leave Sarajevo while it was under attack, arrived for peace talks due to begin in Geneva billed as a major push to end

the republic's 16-month civil war. Tuesday's talks chaired by mediators Lord Owen and Thor-vald Stoltenberg were expected to begin with separate meetings with the delegations rather than a

face-to-face plenary session.
The Bosnian Serbs accused the Muslims of staging Sunday's attack on the U.N., but the U.N. commander, Belgian Lieutenant-General Francis Briquemont, rejected the claim.

"I want you to know that this is the last time that we restrain ourselves from exercising our right to self-defence," he told a . news conference.

"What happened yesterday is totally unacceptable," be said. · He had given his commanders orders to respond without hesita-. tion to any future attack. "They must fire against the aggressor immediately," be said.

. . U.N. troops bave often come , under fire from all factions in Bosnia, but have restricted them-selves to small arms when shoot-

, ing back. Artillery and mortar attacks, such as Sunday's incident, have generally not been responded to on the grounds that the perpetrators cannot be immediately iden-

Cholera

South

may raise

Asian flood

NEW DELHI (R) - South

Asia's worst floods in decades

bave killed at least 4,200 people

in three of the world's poorest nations and more are likely to die

of disease as the waters recede,

rains bad swelled rivers across the

region, causing widespread floods that bad inundated half of Bang-

ladesb, devastated Nepal's low-

lands and ravaged vast tracts of

northern and castern India, the

to recede in many areas, more

deaths were feared from disease

because regular water supplies

had been contaminated and little

food or medicine was reaching

Nepal's official toll reached

1,756 and senior Home Affairs

(Interior) Ministry officials said

many hundreds more were mis-

sing in the poverty-stricken coun-

try's worst floods for at least four

The final toll could easily reach

In low-lying Bangladesb,

floods had ravaged at least 30 of the country's 64 districts and at

least 200 people had been killed,

officials said. Government

spokesman M.A. Hakim said

crops in about 600,000 acres (240,000 hectares) had been

flooded and at least 500,000

More than 17,000 cattle were

killed and more than 2,500 km

(1,500 miles) of roads damaged,

Because there was no rain

Monday, waters began to recede,

flood relief officials said. But if

there were fresh showers, new

areas could be inundated, they

At least 1,000 people bad been killed in India, officials said. The

deaths occurred along rivers in

northern and eastern India that

overflowed after the monsoon

More than 150 people worked

overnight to plug a major breach

in the Sutlei River, which broke

its banks in Puniab, threatening

vast areas of the agriculturally

rich northern state and the in-

dustrial town of Ludhiana, offi-

The workers set up sandbags in

three banks over one kilometre

(half a mile) long to plug the breach, said district official S.S.

-Channy. "The danger is not over

yet. It will take another 24 hours

Some 410 people had been

killed in Punjab and the neigh-

bouring states of Haryana and

Himachal Pradesh, the Press

At least 300 people died in

Trust of India (PTI) reported.

to be sure," he said.

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Although the floods bad begun

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Unusually ferocious monsoon

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U.N. officials said 10 vehicles were damaged when 68 rounds, including tank shells, mortars and Stadium where French U.N. troops were setting up base. No one was injured.

U.N. Protection Force spokesman Barry Frewer said the attack was the most prolonged and direct on U.N. forces since 9,000 troops began deploying in the former Yugoslav republic late last

Gen. Briquemont called the shelling "a malicious attack on my troops" and rejected as impossible Serb assertions that Muslim-led Bosnian forces mounted the attack as a provoca-

"The French unit was attacked by direct fire from Serb tanks and anti-tank weapons located just north of the stadium," be said.

Gen. Briquemont said be was seeking urgent talks with Bosnian Serb Army Commander General Ratko Mladic and called on the Serb side to honour a pledge to cooperate fully in an investiga-

"I am... angry at this betrayal," Gen. Briquemont said.
"I cannot accept that my troops are fired upon while they are here to accomplish a mission of

The leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, told U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali in a letter Sunday night that Muslims had attacked the base to undermine the Geneva peace

The first indications of ou investigation indisputably prov

that the bombing of the UNPRO-FOR base at Zetra in Sarajevo was a naive Muslim scenario," the Belgrade-based Tanjug News Agency quoted Mr. Karadzic as

Gen. Briquemont said he had received a similar letter from the Bosnian Serb army chief of staff, General Milan Gvero.

NATO bas assembled a force of 60 combat aircraft in Italy, which are ready to back U.N. troops in Bosnia if they are attacked while protecting Sarajevo and five other U.N.designated Musbm "safe areas."

But Gen. Briquemont said air support would come too late in incidents such as Sunday's shelling. "We have enough means (on the ground) to reply to this kind of provocation. Air support is impossible to be achieved in two to three seconds," be said.

The afternoon attack, which virtually destroyed four of the vebicles, occurred some five hours after a ceasefire in the 16 month war between Serbs, Muslims and Croats came into force. U.N. officials Sunday said the

truce, meant to pave the way to the Geneva peace talks, had been ignored by both Serbs and Muslim-led government forces in and around Sarajevo.

Gen. Briquemont, who helped negotiate the accord, said an tmosphere of calm and respect for the ceasefire by all sides was vital if the talks were to bave a chance of success.

However, Tanjng reported that Bosnian Serb forces had launched "devastating counter-attack" n Muslim forces near the northern Bosnian town of Brcko, scene

of heavy fighting in recent days.

A group of Bosnians wounded in the siege of Sarajevo were being airlifted to Germany Monday on their way to hospitals in the United States, U.N. officials

They will be the first victims of the Bosnian war to receive treatment in the United States.

U.N. spokesman Peter Kessler said the 19 patients were all adults except for two adolescents and a one-year-old boy with a beart problem. The toddler was the only member of the group whose ailments were not caused by war, Mr. Kessler said.

He said the group, which includes 13 stretcher cases, would be taken to Sarajevo Airport in U.N. armoured vehicles for a flight to a U.S. air base at Ramstein in Germany, where they would spend two days before being transferred to hospitals in the United State

Meanwhile M: Izetbegovic, who flew to Gei va from the Croatian capital Zi reb, declined to make any statement on arrival. He was accompanied by Croat and moderate Serb members of his collective presidency. Serb leader Radovan Karadzic

and Croat chieftain Mate Boban. as well as the presidents of Serbia and Croatia, Slobodan Milosevic and Franjo Tudjman, were them-selves not expected to arrive until Tuesday.

Mr. Izetbegovic is expected to put forward a plan under which Bosnia would become a federation of several semi-autonomous regions, but diplomats say it is almost certain to be rejected by Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Boban who want a loose confederation,



on the floor Monday as police search for cines (AFP photo)

ANC: Church massacre will not derail democracy

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The sent from the session. Cape Town church massacre would not derail democracy talks. the ANC said Monday as multiparty negotiators prepared to de-bate South Africa's first postapartheid constitution.

We will condemn it in the strongest terms, but we will not allow those who want to derail the negotiating process to suc-ceed," said ANC chief democracy negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa, reacting to the overnight attack in which up to 12 whites were killed by black gunmen at a Cape Town

South Africans will get a glimp-se of their first post-apartheid constitution later in the day when multi-party negotiators at the World Trade Centre near Johannesburg begin debating a draft constitution at about 5 p.m. (1500

The draft of the constitution was presented to democracy negotiators Monday.

The committee of experts, in presenting the draft covering the transition to black majority rule, said the multi-party negotiating council faced some tough decisions on the constitution.

One, of the experts said the constitution was "an outline for what we have in mind, not a final draft" and it was up to the negotiating council to tell the experts if they were on the right path.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, the Kwazulu government and the Conservative Party were all ab-

Political sources said it appeared none of the participants to the talks were particularly bappy with the draft as it stood, but it

provided a framework for debate. The pro-apartheid Conserva-tive Party (CP) said South Africa's draft constitution was a recipe for civil war. It is a recipe for civil war,

further economic deterioration and a spiral of violence and crime, which will reduce the country to ruin," CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg said in a statement. Mr. Hartzenberg said the draft constitution destroyed all hope of

peaceful, negotiated settle-The draft ignored Afrikane demands for self-rule, making it

impossible for the CP to continue participating in the "manipulated farce" at the World Trade Centre near Johannesburg. Meanwhile, police said Mon-

day that at least two of the 12 dead were schoolchildren. Spokesman John Sterrenberg said six people were killed instantly in Sunday's evening sersix more believed to have died later from their wounds.

The attack on St. James's Church in Kenilworth, a quiet middle class suburb, was the worst targetting whites since President F.W. De Klerk legalised black opposition groups and began dismantling apartheid three years ago.

33 survive S. Korean plane crash

SEOUL (AFP) — A South Korean Boeing 737-500 carrying up to 106 passengers and crew slammed Monday into a wooded slope on the country's rugged west coast in beavy rain during a domestic flight, officials said. KBS Television, quoting offi-

cials on the scene some 300 kilometres (180 miles) south of here, said more than 60 people died and there were 33 survivors confirmed as hundreds of local villagers and police combed the

It was the first crash for Asiana Airlines, South Korea's second airline founded five years ago which operates three other 737-500s and 12 737-400s as well as one Boeing 747.
Asiana Airlines officials said

the Boeing 737 was on a domestic flight from Seoul to Mokpo but was unable to land at the port of Mokpo due to heavy rainfall, thick fog and visibility of barely 1,000 metres.

Planes are banned by regulation from landing in visibility under 2,000 metres.

The jetliner was then turning back to make an emergency landing at the nearby city of Kwangju, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) to the northeast, when it crashed.

Asiana Airlines and the Trans-

port Ministry said there were 100 passengers and six crew members aboard Flight 733, but some reports said there were , 1 passengers and six crew. KBS said most of the survivors

were seated at the rear of the plane when it crashed into a hillside in Haenam county, some 30 kilometres from the southern

port of Mokpo. President Kim Young-Sam dis-patched Transport Minister Lee Ke-Ik to the site of the accident. the most serious involving a South Korean airline since a Korea Airlines (KAL) DC-10 crashed on landing at Tripoli Airport in July 1989, killing 82

South Korea's most serious air tragedy was the 1983 Soviet downing of a KAL airliner which left all 269 passengers and crew members dead.

A police source was queted as saying some 50 policemen, 100 county officials and 150 local villagers were combing the wreckage for survivors. Four doctors and eight norses

were also on the scene administering first aid; he said. Hankook Hospital in Mokpo put out an urgent request blood as a navy belicopter began

ferrying the injured to the nearby

Television reports showed footage of a sobbing woman with blood-stained legs and of two children being pulled off the helicopter on a stretcher and put onboard an ambulance at Mokpo

not join any coalition unless it

first accepted their reform plan.

corruption laws, a ban on politic-

al donations by companies and a

simpler electoral system, all mea-

sures blocked by the LDP in

The LDP's intransigeance

eventually brought down its gov-

ernment, causing reformers to

defect from the party en masse.

Mr. Christopher said: "Let me

be clear, the United States will

remain actively engaged in Asia."
"America is and will remain an

Asia Pacific power," he continued. "We will abide by our

solemn treaty obligations, con-

tinue our forward military pre-

sence and work with the nations

of the region to maintain a peace-

"We will do so because it is in

presence in Asia, be said.

The plan calls for stiff anti-

every day. "We bave no scientific explanation, but our employees

who ate samples have said that the udon that listened to the music is more delicious than the normal udon," the official said. The udon is the latest of a spate of foodstuff in Japan to receive the classical treatment, following bread fed by Ludwig van Beeth oven and Japanese sake enbanced by Wolfgang Amadeus

Wanted: Two deadly scorpions

EL PUIG, Spain (AFP) — Spanisb police and firemen combed a beach bere Sunday for two lethal scorpions, one of them pregnant, that escaped from a one-man circus in this tourist resort. For the second day running, sunworshippers in this town near Valencia in eastern Spain were barred from using the part of the beach where the arachnids are believed to be larking. The fugitives belong to an unnamed Briton who runs a sbow specialising in poisonous animals. They escaped when thieves broke into tris van near the beach, started opening boxes and got more than they bad bargained for. Upon opening the scorpion case they panicked, threw it on the ground and fled, police said. The owner alerted police, telling them that the scorpions were of a particularly poisonous species and that one of them is about to have about 100 babies any day now. Algerian health authorities have sent an antidote for the scorpions' poison to Valencia, press reports

Woman mistakes tumour for baby

DHAKA (R) — A Bangladeshi doctor said Monday be removed a tumour weighing 21.3 kilogrammes from a farmer's wife who believed she was heavily pregnant. "Sonahar Bibi told us she felt something big growing in berself," said Dr. Mohammad Fazle Akbar in Maheshpur Hospital in the western district of Jhenaidah. "She though it could be an oversized baby. But when I opened her Sunday 1 was surprised to see the huge tumour," he told reporters. Ms. Bibi, a 23-year-old mother of three, wa recovering and would leave hospital in a few days, he said.

Cannes vacationers robbed of \$70,000

NICE, France (AFP) - An Itaban couple on vacation in Cannes was robbed of the equivalent of \$70,000 in cash and jewels by a thief who crawled through the window of their first-story botel room as they slept, police said. The couple were also rebeved of their identity papers, credit cards and check book, police in this

French Riviera town said.

38 injured as pop

concert turns ugly WARSAW (AFP) - Thirtyeight people including four police were injured in scuffles when police tried to stop 1,000 people without tickets from gatecrashing a reggae and blues concert at Brodnica near Torun, police announced Sunday. Street clashes lasted for nearly seven hours overnight Saturday and police used tear gas and water cannon to disperse the crowd. Twelve people were detained. Groups of youths demolished eight police cars and smashed windows near the theatre where the concert was held. A total of 7,000 people attended the Camp-

ing Musical concert which is beld

Bogart toupee fetches \$500

annually at Brodnica.

NATCHEZ, Mississippi (AFP)

— A fan of Humphrey Bogart
paid \$500 for a toupee the actor wore while filming The African Queen, The Barefoot Contessa and Sabrina. The toupee was sold Saturday by longtime Bogart mistress Verita Thompson, who said she was disposing of movie posters and other memorabilia collected during the affair because she planned to move. The huyer was a physician from Jackson, Mississippi, who was a fan of the actor, said Harris McGraw, an employee of McCool Auctions. The pre-auction value of the toupee had been estimated at a minimum of \$2,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF 3 policemen held in Brazil killings RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Three police officers were detained

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Three police officers were detained after a survivor of Friday's killings of street children identified them as participants in the massacre, a police official said. Inaido Santana, deputy chief of the Special Case Squad, said a judge was expected to issue an order for the arrest of the three, being beld at police headquarters. The three were picked out of a line-up by Wagner Dos Santos, 22, who survived the massacre. Early Friday, gunmen opened fire on a group of street children sleeping near Candelaria Church in the heart of Rio's financial district killing seven of them. Dos Santos was critically wounded and only Sunday was be able to leave the bospital briefly to identify the

Liberian factions sign peace deal

COTONOU (R) - Liberia's warring factions bave signed a peace accord in Benin paving the way for multi-party elections early the eve of Liberian Independence Day, came after three days of tough negotiations over details of an agreement reached between the three factions last weekend in Geneva. Enoch Dogolea, vice-president of Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front for Liberia (NPFL), said his faction would observe an immediate ceasefire. "On behalf of my government and because our independence day is tomorrow, we cease fire immediately as of and at the ceremony which ended with delegates singing the Liberian national anthem.

Nigerians flee to home towns

LAGOS (R) - Thousands of Nigerians, fearing violence after the annulment of June's presidential election, have fled to their bome towns and the man widely believed to have won the poll asked them not to move. "I beg all those who are moving from place to place to please stay where they are," Moshood Abiola said when a delegation of prominent Nigerians called on him Sunday. Mounting political tension over the annulment of the June 12 poll by military President Ibrahim Babangida has led to riots especially in Mr. Abiola's bome region in southwestern Nigeria. Thousands of people fearing an outbreak of more violence in a nation which fought a civil war from 1967 to 1970 have moved their families and belongings to their home towns.

Angolans join army against rebels

LUANDA (AFP) - Hundreds of civilians without any militar training are fighting along the government troops against UNITA rebels in the central touMonday. It said increas

Kuito, Angolan state radio reported heavy artillery fire was raining down on Kuito Monday morr ifter a weekend of fighting in which itary and civilians were killed. An an unknown number of army spokesman told the radio that UNITA forces were abandoning the city centre in disarray. But the rebel movement's Radio Vorgan reported the exact opposite, saying army units had fled central Kuito. The highlands town bas been under siege by the rebels since January.

Ramos stands firm on birth control

MANILA (R) - Philippine President Fidel Ramos, defying church objections, promised Monday to pursue his birth control policy and announced plans for a general annesty to end a Communist rebellion which has cost 40,000 lives. Gen. Ramos, in a state of the nation adoress, also urged Congress swiftly to restore the death penalty and pass new tax measures to raise funds for economic development. Drawing applause from a joint session of Congress, Gen. Ramos brushed aside objections by the powerful Roman Catholic Church to his administration's programme encouraging wider use of contraceptives to curb the soaring population. "Government has committed itself squarely to a family planning programme based on choice - and with the goal of bringing down the growth rate to under two per cent by 1998," be said.

Srl Lankan death toll hits 78

COLOMBO (AFP) - Tamil Tiger guerrillas went on a hiling spree in northern Sri Lanka over the weekend, leaving 78 people dead on the 10th anniversary on an anti-Tamil riot, military officials said Monday. The separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) carried out their worst attack against security forces in the Janakpura area Sunday, overrunning an army detachment there after killing 41 soldiers, a military spokesman said. He said Tiger gunmen then slaughtered 17 farmers from the majority Sinhalese community who bad been settled in the controversial enclave claimed by the LTTE as part of their traditional Tamil homeland. At the time of the pre-dawn attack, some of the elite army commandos at Janakpura had been withdrawn to reinforce security posts elsewhere in the embattled northeast where LTTE gunmen Saturday killed 10 police constables. A military statement said 10 Tiger fighters were killed

Chinese warn of army's

PEKING (AFP) - Two veteran Chinese generals said Monday that market reforms were en-dangering the Communist Party's grip on the military and warned of the army's self-destruction up

vice chairman of a powerful commission that oversees the militership" over the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

Otherwise, the generals said, our steps forward will be unstable and we will veer off course. In a front-page article in the time that concern over the impact market reforms are baving on the PLA bas reached the top eche-

In China's process of reform

society are now continuously seeping into the army through various channels, endangering army building," the generals

Asian nations with increasingly

sophisticated economies to com-

mir themselves to international

agreements to balt the spread of

Christopher said growing econo-

mic and technological prowess

has made the region capable of

producing the chemicals, technol-

ogy and missiles for such

"Asia is at the stage when its

participation in international

agreements and establishment of

export control regimes are most

important," Mr. Christopber

He was speaking at a conference of foreign ministers from the

Association of South East Asian

Nations (ASEAN) and the six-

member group's major allies.
ASEAN countries Brunei, In-

donesia, Malaysia, the Philip-

pines, Singapore and Thailand

are among Asia's most dynamic, freewheeling economies. Their

burgeoning exports now include

Besides the United States,

foreign ministers from the six

ASEAN countries are also meet-

ing bere with their counterparts

from Canada, Japan, South

Korea, Australia, New Zealand

and the European Community.

opened Monday, cover security,

political and economic issues and

are called the post ministerial conference (PMC) because they

The three-day talks, which

sophisticated technology.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren

weapons of mass destruction.

generals collapse

less control was restored.

Liu Huaqing and Zhang Zhen, ry, said it was essential to maintain the party's "absolute lead-

People's Daily, the two army veterans revealed for the first

and opening, they said, a combination of negative capitalist and feudalistic influences had resulted in "money worship, materialism, extreme individualism and other wrong ideas."?
"Various harmful influences

lons of the leadership.

and negative phenomena from

Japan bloc postpones decision on coalition

TOKYO (R) — Japan's ruling would have signalled their joining Liberal Democratic Party scrambled Monday to accept a reform programme devised by parties which will determine who forms the next government.

The two neutral parties that hold the balance waited to see whether the LOP bought its plan, postponing a decision to attend an opposition summit which a non-LDP coalition.

The two parties - the Japan New Party and the Harbinger New Party --- hold 49 seats in the 511-member lower house and could swing the upcoming vote in parliament to name the prime minister, expected in mid-

August. Last week they said they would

U.S. wants Asia to move against arms technology

Mr. Christopher said Washington would soon launch a new Japanese Foreign Minister effort aimed at getting Asian nations to subscribe to agree-Kabun Muto, Canada's Secretary ments curbing the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons. The U.S. move comes amid.

ongoing talks with China over U.S. charges that Peking had recently shipped components for M-11 missiles to Pakistan in contravention of the Missile Technology Control Regime which Peking has said it would respect. Mr. Christopher and Chinese

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen discussed the issue here Sunday despite Mr. Qian's public assertions that the allegations were fabricated. Malaysia was embroiled in similar controversy recently when

a shipment of stainless steel reactors by a Malaysian company to Libya was intercepted in Singapore on the orders of the U.N. Security Council. The Council claimed the reac-

tors could be used to produce chemical weapons, Mr. Christopher, who reiter-

ated Washington's commitment to remain engaged in Asia, said Washington was also committed to "tough and effective global rules" to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. He said the United States

would continue a moratorium on

nuclear testing through Septem-ber next year if others refrained

SINGAPORE (AFP) — The Un. are being beld after the annual from such tests and would vigorited States appealed Monday to ASEAN foreign ministers meet-ously pursue an indefinite extension of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

> of State Perrin Beatty and South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-Jo also urged wider support and adherence to the NPT. "For the purpose of streng-thening the NPT, it is necessary to secure universal adherence to the treaty and lead the extension

> conference to the treaty in 1995 to a success," Mr. Muto said.
> ASEAN's allies backed the group's establishment of an expanded forum called the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARAF) for security consultations in the Asia-

Pacific.

The ministerial-level forum. launched at a dinner here Sunday, brings Russia, China, Vietnam, Laos and Papua New Guinea into an expanded grouping of PMC members for security

Senior ASEAN officials had described the ARF's formation as a major diplomatie triumph in their efforts to include all major players in the Asia-Pacific in dis-

ited States welcomed Russia and China into the expanded dia-But while the United States "fully supported" regional secur-

ity dialogues, the discussion

would in no way supplant Amer-

ica's alliances or forward military

cussions on regional security. Mr. Christopher said the Un-

the interests of the United States and its Asian partners," Christopher told participants at the PMC. Mr. Christopher said Monday the spread of democracy in Asia was essential for growth and sta-

ful and secure Asia."

bility in the booming region. He said the past decade had seen democracy strengthen in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Mongolia and other parts of Asia. "Democracies are not just a

moral imperative. They are a practical necessity. Democracies do not threaten their neighbours. They do not practise terrorism. They do not spawn refugees,' Mr. Christopher said.

"Some have argued that democracy is somehow unsuited for Asia and that our emphasis on human rights is a mask for Westem cultural imperialism. They could not be more wrong," Mr. Christopher told delegates.

"The yearnings for more freedom are not a Western export they are a buman instinct."

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Indurain years may have only just begun

PARIS (R) - Miguel Indurain may not seek records but the case of his third successive Tour de France victory Sonday suggests the Spaniard's prime years may have just begun.

Indurain, only the fourth rider to win three tours in a row after Frenchmen Louison Bobet and Jacques Anquetil and Belgian Eddy Merckx, has so totally demoralised his rivals it is hard to see where a real threat can come

Italians Gianni Bugno and Claudio Chiappucci, who had vied with him in each of the past two years, collapsed under Indurain pressure this time.

Both now openly accept Indurain's invincibility in major stage races. "There's only one rider who can even think of winning the tour at the moment and that's Indurain," said a resigned Chiap-

pucci.
"He's against riders who are afraid of losing and nobody really attacks bim," said Frenchman Laurent Fignon, twice a Tour

"If people don't change their approach, we can expect to see this repeated for quite some time

The one rider who looks capable of taking on the Spaniard on anything like equal terms is Swiss Tony Rominger, who came second overall and won the prestigious king of the mountains

jersey. Rominger consistently set Indurain a histering pace in the climbs and had the audacity to uce said. It beat him in the penultimate stage just outside Paris, an individual time trial which has long been the Spaniard's forte.

But the Swiss still finished almost five minutes behind. mainly due to bad luck early in the race when his Spanish Clas outfit had time added on for illegal help in the team time trial. A hailstorm just after he started in the first individual race against the clock also cost him dear.

Curiously, Rominger believes he could beat Iodurain but that

"I ride for a Spanish team and our priority is the Tour of Spaio." he said. "The ideal preparation for the Tour de France is the Giro D'Italia because it's not possible to be on top form for six

Rominger, winner of the last two Spanish Vueltas which start at the end of April, is in no position to drop that race to help his Tour de France prospects. On top of that he is already 32

nother of r and his future chances of taking on Indurain must be limited. If there is anyone around wbo can stop Indurain equalling Anquetil and Merckx's record of four successive victories, he is not

immediately apparent. At 29, the Spaniard is io his prime and it is not difficult to imagine him going on to equal and even surpass the record total of five wins held by Merckx. Anguetil and France's Bernard

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Capriati wins New Jersey tennis title

MAHWAH, New Jersey (R) — Jennifer Capriati regained her title at the 150,000 Pathmark Women's Tennis Classic with a blistering winning effort against favoured Mary Joe Fernandez in an all-American battle Sunday.

Capriati, ranked number nine in the world, won the final eight games against a visibly tiring Fernandez for a 6-3, 6-0 upset victory in a 72-minute battle played in 40-degree Celsius (103-degree F) courtside temperature. The 17year-old winner earned a purse of \$20,000 and number seveo Fernandez settled for \$14,000.

Capriati was extremely pleased with ber game. "I played very well," she said. "My serve was on and I felt confident whenever I went to the net."

Capriati, who beat Monica Seles in the 1991 final and lost to Seles in last year's otle round, allowed only six poiots in the second set. She closed out the match with successive aces, ber third and fourth.

"I did feel a bit tired," acknowledged Fernandez, who was pushed to three sets in a near three-hour semifinal Saturday night by No. 14 Mary Pierce of

"It was not and Jennifer played very well. She felt confident in

the second set and went for her Capriati, who had a single



Iennifer Capriati

hreak point in each of the second and fourth games, broke through in the sixth for a 4-2 lead on a forehand placement, But Fernandez broke right back to 4-3 on a service winner, a double foult and two forced errors.

Fernandez, runner-up to Steffi Graf at the French Open, was broken in the eighth game when she committed an unforced forehand error on the fourth hreak

Ahead 5-3, Capriati fought off a break point in the ninth and held for the set with a backhand

accuracy and she was teeing off on my second," said Fernandez, who later withdrew from the doubles final due to a stareup of a tendinitis condition in her right shoulder. She committed 24 unforced errors in the opening set.

Capriati dropped only 17 games in four rounds, previously winning straight-set matches over three other American opponents. Terri O'Reilly. Beverely Bowes and Lisa Raymond.

In their only previous match on the Kraft Tour, Capriati, beat Fernandez, 6-2, 6-4, in the quarterfinals of the 1990 French

"I had problems with my serve

Tapie says Bernes will get job back if his name is cleared

daunted by scandal surrounding the European champions over match fixing allegations, says club General Secretary Jean-Pierre Bernes will get his job back if his

oame is cleared. Mr. Bernes, at the centre of the scandal and under judicial investigation for corruption, resigned at the weekend.

"If the proceedings show his innocence, as I hope, he will resume bis duties," Mr. Tapie said in an interview with Liberatioo newspaper published Mon-

Mr. Tapie said Bernes, released from custody last Thursday after being held for two weeks, resigned because he did not want the club held hostage to the current inquiry into allega-tions it fixed a May 20 league match with Valenciennes.

Three Valeociennes players have said they were offered money to play poorly, and named Mr. Bernes as the contact man. A Marseille player. Jean-Jacques Eydelie has admitted involvement and also named Bernes as the man behind the scheme. Bernes bas denied any involve-

The president of the French Football League, Noel Le Graet, meanwhile, suggested Mr. Bernes should leave soccer for

"It's logical that he resigned," he told France-Info Radio. "At the age of 36, it's possible to change career ... I'm pretty hap-

py be's leaving football." Mr. Le Graet was crinical of Mr. Bernes for making a lap of honour at Marseille as the league

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PARIS (Agencies) — Marseille kicked off Saturday. Marseille President Bernard Tapie, unbeat Lens 1-0 as they began their quest for a sixth consecutive

league victory.

Mr. Le Graet also said he intended to reprimand Marseille for refusing to allow journalists from state television channels France 2 and France 3 into the

Mr. Tapie said he had just applied the regulations. He said all journalists were invited into the stadium but only the private Channels TFI and Canal, had permission to film the match.

Mr. Tapie, who is angry at state television coverage of the scandal, also defended his behaviour last Thursday, when he threw a television camera belong-ing to France 3 into the sea. He said he had responded to "unacceptable voyeurism."

Mr. Tapie had just welcomed the newly-released Mr. Bernes onto his yacht. "The right to information is essential, but this does not include the right to invade people's privacy," he said.

"When television journalists use their cameras like rifles with telescopic lenses, they'd better bear in mind that I am not prepared to act as a target." he told the southern French newspaper Le Provencal.

Former Valenciennes trainer Boro Primorac, who has alleged a Corsican businessman propopsed he take the blame for the fixing allegations, was due to be questioned Monday afternoon by investigating magistrate Bernard

Olympique Marseille faced a storm of protest Monday over the treatment of journalists wanting to cover the first match of the

With many fans angry at the way accusations of bribery against Marseille have heen co-

vered by the media, one cameraman was assaulted. French Sports Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said the

treatment dealt out was "absolutely scandalous." deaux oo the same night have De Montgolfier.

also been condemned by the Communications Minister Alain Carignon. At Bordeaux, a film crew was attacked by hooligan spectators in an unrelated inci-

Mr. Carignon said in a statement: "The incidents of recent days mark an increase in intolerance, a lack of respect for journalists ethnics, the right to information and the code of conduct that was drawn up.

The France-2 and France-3 television channels have already complained and filed complaints, Journalists unions have also attacked the Marseille measures.

French law allows all media to cover games for news purposes even if a channel has exclusive rights to show a whole match.

A France-2 cameraman was seen on television being headhutted by a middle-aged Marseille fan and abused by other spectators apparently angered by coverage of the Marseille bribes scan-

Mr. Tapie's name was at the centre of latest questioning in the bribes affair Monday.

i nough he has not been linke with allegations that the Marseille player and official tried to bribe the three Valenciennes players other accusations have been made against him.

Boro Primorac, who was Valenciennes coach at the time, was questioned by Mr. Beffy Monday over his claims that Tapie approached him to take the blame for the bribes affair.

Mr. Tapie has denied meeting Mr. Primorac and offering him money and an alternative coaching position.

A lawyer for Mr. Bernes said Monday he had asked for the case to be transferred from the Valenciennes court.

The lawyer Jean-Louis Pelletier said the request had been made "in the interests of justice." Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Tapie have complained about the investigative methods used by Mr. Beffy Violence at Marseille and Bor- and Valenciennes prosecutor Eric

Polish swimmer disqualified for 2 months in doping case

WARSAW (R) — Polish swim-mer Alicja Peczak has been given a lenient two-month suspension because the national association found procedural irregularioes in positive dope tests, the Polish News Agency (PAP), said Sun-

Peczak, who had faced the prospect of a two-year han, accepted the two-month suspension imposed following two positive tesis for the male hormone Testosterone after an event in the soutbern Polish town of

Oswiecim on June 5.

But the 23-year-old swimmer denied guilt and the National Swimming Association expressed its own doubts.

"Lacking total conviction as to

Association (PZP) has decided to impose an unusually lenient penalty: A two-month disqual-

ification from June 5, 1993," PAP quoted the PZP as saying. The association said in a statement "a number of irregularities had been found in the testing procedures, the most serious of which was a 24-day delay in

announcing their results. "În her 17-year career, Alicja Peczak had never done anything to cause the slightest suspicion of ever using impermissible subst-

Peczak, 23, said: "I accept the penalty imposed on me with my head beld high, because I do not feel the least hit guilty. I used no performance-enhancers and I the guilt of Alicja Peczak, the simply cannot understand how it was board of the Polish Swimming they were detected in my body. simply cannot understand how it was

Abedi Pele inspires Ghana to a place in African Nations Cup final

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Ghana's African Footballer of the Year Abedi Pele ended a shortlived retirement from international soccer to lead his country to a place in next year's African

Nations Cup finals.
Abedi Pele, a member of French club Marseille's European Cup winoing team in May, made a last-minute decision to return to national team colours and scored a goal as Ghana beat Liberia 2-0 in Monrovia Sunday to qualify for the finals in Tunisia in March. Ghana were one of eight coun-

tries to secure their berths over weekend as the qualifiers for the 12-team tournament came to a dramatic end.

Algeria, Egypt, Gabon, Mali, Nigeria, Zaire and Zamhia join Ghana, hosts Tunisia, holders Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone in next year's tournament.

Only one qualifying group re-mains to be decided after the Group 6 qualifier between Congo and Guinea in Brazzaville was postponed to Aug. 15.

Among the countries eliminated were three teams still involved in the African qualifiers for the World Cup finals in the U.S. next June.

Cameroon were pipped hy Gabon in Group I despite not conceeding a goal in six qual-ifying games, while Morocco and Zimbabwe also fell at the last

Abedi Pele, recently signed by French first division club Lyon, was playing his first game for Ghana since February and scored the second goal in the Black stars' narrowest of margins.

German-based Anthony Yeboah got Ghana's first as the West Africans finished top of group 7.

Camerooo, who best Niger 2-0 at home Sunday, spent anxious moments awaiting the outcome of Gabon's match agaiost Benin in Their hopes were dashed when

Gabon scored a last-mioute winner for a 2-1 win to end one point ahead of the Cameroonians in their group.

Algeria, Nigeria and Zaire pul-

verised their respective opposi-tion to ensure their places. Zaire had the higgest win Sun-

day, beating Lesotho 7-0 in group Kinshasa, led by a hat-trick from Saidi-Tshindaye Masudi. Nigerian striker Rachidi Yekini

also got three goals as the Super Eagles beat Ethiopia 6-0 at home Saturday to finish top of Group 2. Abdul Hafid Tasfaout's hattrick against Senegal in Tlemcen Sunday saw him end as the leading goalscorer in the qualifiers

with six goals. Algeria won 4-0 to finish second behind Sierra Leone in Group 3 and go through to the

Mali's 2-1 win over Egypt in Bamako Sunday saw them take top place in group g and qualify for the Nations Cup finals for the first time since 1972.

Egypt are also through despite their defeat ending ahead of Morocco, 2-0 winners away against Malawi Sunday, by the

chez with his legs with the score

at 0-0, silencing the critics who had questioned his presence in

But disaster struck in the 88th

minute when he deflected Marco

Etcheverry's innocuous cross into

his own net. A minute later,

Alvaro Pena added to bis misery

by scoring with a shot which went

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The altitude affected us, Luis

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Both North African countries ended tied on points and goal difference, but Egypt scored one goal more than the Moroccans in the qualifying tournament and will play in Tunisia next March.

Zimbabwe's first bid in 13 years to qualify for the Africa Nations Cup collapsed in disgrace when the so-called Warriors were humiliatingly thrown out of the contest by a youthful and inexperienced Zambian side.

Sunday's 1-1 draw with Zambia, rebuilding their team after 18 top players died m a plane crash in April, raised serious questions about the future of the Zimbabweans who are nursing hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals in the United States next

"The immediate future for the team does not look good, though there is still faint hope they can make lt," said Jahoor Omar, sports editor of Zimhabwe's

Herald newspaper.
"What Zimbabwe's team showed Sunday was that they can't score. They had many chances to stay ahead but they

blew these. We simply don't have good strikers." The Zimbabweans, playing in front of a partisan crowd of

60,000, took the lead in the 27th minute through striker Henry McKop's beader, but let several chances go begging when they failked to score from close range.

The Zambians, needing just a we are to stand a chance of going draw to qualify, equalised in the 80th minute through forward said.

four points from two games and Brazil languishing in fourth place

with just one point from two

play four of their final six fixtures

at home and the five-team group are competing for two finals

In the past, World Cup qualifying matches have been little

more than a nuisance for Brazil,

on the occasions when they have

had to face them at all. But those

The Bolivian team, who re-corded only their third win over

Brazil in 19 matches, remained

cautious about their chances of

qualifying despite public euphor-

ia which took thousands onto the

streets of the country's cities to

there is still a long way to go,"

said coach Xavier Askargorta.

"We have won two points but

Ironically, while Parreira has

lost players through club commit-

ments in the run up to the quali-

fiers. Askargorta has had all the

time in the world to coach his

squad following a players' strike

celebrate on Sunday night.

days have clearly gone.

The Brazilians, however, will

Kalusha Bwalya of Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

"I tbink the team needs to go back to the drawing boards start learning how to play professional football from scratch," said

senior sports analyst. "At the moment, they can't even pass the ball properly and clearly they don't play coherent-

Newspaper headlines proclaiming "sad day for Zimbahwe" and 'Žimbabwe blow Africa Cup chances" greeted the southern African nadon of 10 million people Monday as it contemplated its defeat after a promising start to the continental contest last year.

Omar said the Warriors, also known as the "dream team," faced a daunting task in their campaign for the World Cup finals bnecause they first had to defeat Cameroon's Indomitable Lions, one of the continent's best

and seasoned teams. "I can't see the Zimhabweans making it in Cameroon's capital Yaounde on Oct. 10, when they clash with the Lions. In fact, few

teams ever do," he said. "The Cameroonians will be having home advantage and because they have also lost out in the Africa Nations Cup they have nothing else to play for except the

World Cup." The Zimbahwean side will also have to beat Guinea in Harare on Sept. 25. "We have to beat the Guineans by at least four goals if

rough tackling Uruguay scraped a 1-0 win Sunday in a World Cup qualifier against South American

minnows Venezuela, who were

left to count their bumps and

Ruben Sosa, Daniel Fonseca and

Enzo Francescoli back in the side

after patching up a long-standing row with coach Luis Cubilla,

But their only goal came with a thundering shot by full-back Jose Herrera in the 59th minute and it

was the negative side of their

Uruguay displayed all their old

tricks, including elbows in the

face and vicious tackles from

behind in the South American

Venezuela's team doctor work-

ed overtime as he attended

oumerous injured players on the

touchline after rough Uruguayan

tiago Ostolaza and Daniel Fonse-

ca were booked by Colombian

Bosa, Fonseca and Francescoli

Venezuela, with Belgian-based

were all disappointing and most

of the skill came from the un-

striker Stalin Rivas back after

suspension, were unrecognisable

from the team humiliated 7-I by

Bolivia the week before and de-

But only Hector Moran, San-

Group B match.

referee Jose Torres.

heralded Venezuelans.

challenges.

game which caught the attention.

Uruguay had star strikers

bruises.

Brazil stunned by 2-0 defeat against Bolivia

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazil's players were clearly stunned and bewildered as they tried to explain how they lost 2-0 to unrated Bolivia Sunday, their first-ever defeat in a World Cup quali-

"We suffered a goal at the end, only God knows how it happened," said centre-forward Be-

"Everybody made mistakes and that includes me. I made more than most," said Cafu who began the game at fullback before being moved up to midfield.
"It happened," was all goalkeeper Taffarel could muster as

he left the pitch.
Taffarel was at the centre of the drama, turning from hero to villain in the space of seven

dramatic minutes. In the 81st minute he appeared to have capped a fine personal performance when he saved a penalty by Erwin "Platini" San-

the same as usual," said coach Carlos Alberto Parreira of the match, played 3,700 metres above sea level in La Paz. "But the team didn't play well

and we didn't impose our Asked what he thought the reaction would be back home, he replied: "The fans must back us, we have another six games to

The result left Bolivia top of South America Group B with

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COPENHAGEN (R) — Former World record holder Patrick Sjoberg, recapruring form after an Achilles tendon injury, scored an encouraging high jump win Sunday which augured well for next month's World Athletics Championships.

The Swede, world champion in 1987, cleared 2.30 metres to win from Norwegian Steinar Hoen and Briton Steve Smith

"This was one of my best results ever in rainy conditions,"
Mr. Sjoberg said. "I expect to be 100 per cent fit for the World Championships in Stuttgart next

Sjoberg, nursing the injury since early July, returned to competition last Friday with a jump of 2.28 for second place at the Lon-don Grand Prix behind Cuban

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rival Javier Sotomayor, who cleared 2.40.

fearful of risking injury, withdrew from competition after clearing

Chelimo, who held the 10,000 metres world record for five days

He was on target for the first 2,000 metres but could not main-

tain the pace and finished 15 seconds outside the world mark of I2 minutes 58.39 seconds set by Moroccan Said Aouita in 1987.

which led to the suspension of the country's championship for five American Hollis Conway Uruguay beats Venezcula

2.10 with his only jump.
The poor weather conditions scuppered Richard Chelimo's Io San Cristobal, Venezuela served a draw. attempt on the 5,000 metres world record.

this month before losing it to fellow Kenyan Yobes Ondieki, was paced by compatriots Peter Rono and Ismail Kirui, his younger brother.

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Abu Nowar assails reports that harm Arab reconciliation'

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Minister of Information Ma'an Abu Nowar Monday condemned what he called "a few press reports" that deviate from Arab consensus and harm the interests of the nation.

The Ministry of Information strongly condemns any action that barms any Arab citizen, country or leadership," Dr. Abu Nowar said in a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency,

The minister did not refer to any specific press reports but informed sources said Dr. Abu Nowar made the statement in reaction to a report by Al Ahali weekly on alleged widespread women and child sexual abuse in Saudi Arabia.

The report, which was published Monday under the headline, "A Saudi princess reveals in a book for the first time shocking facts happening beyond the tail walls of the conservative society," reviews a book Al Ahali said a Saudi princess published through an American friend in

In the book, the anonymous princess accuses male-dominated Saudi society of widespread sexual child abuses and rapes among other "tales that cannot be told. according to Al Ahali, the mouthpiece of the leftist Jordan People's Democratic Party.

(The Ministry of Information) bas complete confidence that the Jordanian press, which upholds the ethics of journalism, will denonnce and condemn any action that barms Arab brotherhood and reconciliation and any action the affairs of other Arab countries," Petra quoted the minister

"The press will consider these harmful and irresponsible actions a deviation from its noble traditions and deeply rooted ethics,"

Dr. Abu Nowar said that a very limited number of "irresponsible reports" appear in some newspapers, which harm Arab reconciliation. "What is the interest of Jordan (in printing such rethe minister told the ordan Times.

The minister urged the press not to be dragged into what he called "other countries" internal issues that serve no purpose."

The Jordanian governments have often found themselves having to account for what appear the local press even though they have no authority over what is printed, especially in the tabloid political newspapers that were licensed after the enactment of the new Press and Publication

Law in May, sources said.

They said that neighbouring countries do not recognise that Jordan has a democracy and the press acts outside government in-

Governments which preceded that of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali used to advise the press not to directly criticise leaders of Arab countries and to restrict their criticism to the policies of these states.

The new Press and Publication Law bans newspapers from carrying any reports or articles that harm the reputation of the leaders of Arab and friendly coun-

Survey launched on women in politics

By a Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan Monday launched a national survey on Jordanian women in politics with a view to measuring their political awareness and perspectives of their role in decision-making, official sources said.

"The poll aims to assess bow Jordanian women see themselves as voters as well as candidates in general elections," said a source closely involved in the survey, conducted by University of Jordan students and few researchers seconded from the Department of Statistics.

The field study, which began Monday and is expected to end in two weeks, will also seek to reach "indicative conclusions' about how Jordanian men viewed their women participating in elections and in decisionmaking, the source told the Jordan Times.

The target audience of 2,000 is equally split between women and men randomly selected from the eight governorates of Jordan in proportion to their respective strength in the national population.

The survey is part of a larger "project democracy," which included an early 1993 survey on Jordanians' evaluation parliamentary life following the 1989 general elections and will consist of another field study on voting patterns in the 1989 polls and the elections sche-

duled for later this year. Field teams will administer a 13-page questionnaire to the target audience during the survey on women. No details were available on specifics of the questions being asked, but the sources said the questionnaire .Dagestani and Dr. Musa Ishtewi of the faculty of the Uni-

versity of Jordan. Although women represent

tremist suspects are detained

violations as it countered violence

Close to 200 people bave died

— 14 on the gallows on convic-

by cadres of Muslim extremists.

more than 50 per cent of Jordan's population, no woman bas ever been elected to Parliament in the Kingdom. More than 10 were contestants in the 1989 elections.

At least three women have confirmed their intention to run in the next elections. Observers believe there would be at least 20 women candidates when the actual nominations begin.

"Jordanian women in politics" has been the theme for several seminars and worksbops held in Jordan recently. "It is expected that the new

survey, in view of the large target audience and its national dimensions, will complement all existing studies and future deliberations on women's role in Jordan's politics," said a source from the research team.

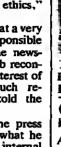
The centre's director, Dr. Mustafa Hamarneh, who is heading the project, declined

Other sources said the result of the survey and an analysis of conclusions reached will be presented to a national conference on Jordanian women in politics to be held in Amman in September.

The Centre for Strategic Studies has developed what many analysts and diplomat see as a solid base for methodical, scientific studies of the Jordanian

The results of the first study it conducted earlier this year were described by many as a reference document.

The study, however, also drew controversy from some quarters which asserted that it was not comprehensive. The centre countered that the survey was nut a comprehensive study on democracy but a "very focused survey which could offer us a glimpse of how Jordanians think and evaluate the process of liberalisation at this specific point in history."



about neighbouring countries in



Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa (left) Monday holds talks with Hussein Abu Saleh (AFP photo)

Second Iranian sub heads for Gulf

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — A second Iranian submarine bought from Russia has crossed the Suez Canal and is on its way to the Gulf, a British naval commander

in the region said Monday.
"The submarine passed through the Suez Canal some time ago and is on its way to the Gulf," said Captain Tom Blackburn of the British frigate HMS Cornwall. "One of the submarines bought from Russia is already in the Gulf."

Iran is believed to bave bought three Kiloclass submarines from Russia in a deal worth hundreds of millions of dollars as part of plans to rebuild its strength, which has shattered by the 1980-

1989 war with neighbouring Iraq. Last year's purchases of sub-marines and the Iranian arms drive have caused concern for fran's Gulf Arab neighbours, who fear it is seeking to control the region. But Iran has argued its armament programmes were purely for defence. The United States, at political

and ideological loggerheads with Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution, bas called for Tehran's isolation and accused it of seeking weapons of mass destruction and involvement in state terrorism. Military sources in the region

said Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states - Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - were now considering buying submarines to face the

The six members have also embarked on plans to bolster their armies after the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait exposed their vulnerability. This bas prompted them to sharply boost defence spending despite falling oil re-

"We are watching the situation closely but I do not know when the second Iranian submarine will enter the Gulf," Capt, Blackburn told AFP in a telephone interview from his anti-submarine frigate at the Abu Dhabai port of Zayed. : Cornwall is in the Gulf for the first time and is the only British ship in the region at pre-sent. It will stay for eight to nine weeks before it is replaced by another vessel, Capt. Blackburn

"ft is part of our continuous presence in the Gulf to ensure peace and security in this vital

region."
He noted the Cornwall, with a crew of 290, had just completed joint naval exercises with the United States and Kuwait. The exercises, he added, were part of ongoing manoeuvres with regional states and more would be beld

The United States has the largest foreign naval presence in the region, where Western powers are also inspecting ships to enforce United Nations Gulf war U.S. brings in power

The U.S. aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln cruised up the Gulf waters Sunday, bringing along a submarine to watch Iran, and doubling the Tomahawk cruise missile capability against

Iraq.
The nuclear-powered carrier. one of the newest in the U.S. Navy, crossed the Strait of Hormuz was sailing up the 1000-kilometre waterway that leads to

A navy spokeswoman, Joyce J. Zongrone, said the carrier was escorted by a battle group of seven ships that included the guided-cruiser USS Princeton and the nuclear-powered submarine USS Pasadena, both with Tomahawk capability.

The Abraham Lincoln was also in the Gulf waters two years ago, in the summer of 1991, when Iraq was embroiled with the United Nations in a major standoff over nuclear documents and helicopter access for weapons inspectors. At that time, the carrier did not

include submarines in its battle

The Abraham Lincoln group replaced the USS Nimitz group, which left the region last month. In addition to the submarine, and the cruiser Princeton, the battle group bas the cruiser Fox, the frigate fugraham and supply sbips Mount Hood, Williamette and White Plains.

Pakistani

talks to ease tension CAIRO (Agencies) — Sudanese Security Council, accusing Egypt of mobilising troops in Halail Foreign Minister Hussein Sulei-man Abu Saleh and his Egyptian and forcing Egyptian identity cards on people living there. Egypt denied the allegations. In Cairo, Mr. Abu Saleh denied assertions that Sudan's most

prominent Islamic fundamentalist

leader is behind the deterioration

in relations between Egypt and Sudan, Hassan Turabi, leader of

the officially banned National

Islamic Front, is thought to be the

driving force behind Sudan's re-

ligiously oriented government.

tional Islamic radical organisation

dedicated with Iran's help to des-

tabilising the governments of

Saleh said. "As an Islamic think-

er, he supports these relations."
Dr. Turabi's group has been

accused of providing military

training and money to Muslim

radical groups. Sudan denies the

existence of military training

camps and bas invited interna-

tional teams to verify the denial.

African summit in Cairo last

month wearing the traditional

white robes of one of the tribes

But President Hosni Mubarak

What bappened in the past

agreed to meet Gen. Bashir and

played down their differences

was a cloud. We have discussed

all our differences and disagree-

ments and we have clarified all

the matters," Mr. Mnbarak told

Mr. Mubarak said the two fore-

ign ministers would hold detailed

talks to resolve differences and

then be and Gen. Bashir would

meet again to endorse the results.

summit between the two men

would be held next month in

Egyptian officials expected the

that live in Halaib.

Gen. Bashir arrived for an

counterpart Amr Musa discussed Monday ways of resolving deep differences between their two countries. We bave bad frank and useful

talks on all aspects of our relations," Mr. Musa told reporters after two bours of talks. The talks were extremely

friendly and we hope to achieve said Mr. Abu Saleh, who arrived Sunday.

Mr. Musa said he held separate

Many reports bave named him as a leading member of an internatalks with Mr. Abu Saleh before experts joined the meeting. More talks will be held Tuesday, be Egypt, Algeria and others.

"Hassan Turabi is among the first calling for strong Egyptian-Sndanese relations," Mr. Abu

Egypt bas accused Sudan's Muslim fundamentalist government of supporting Egyptian militants in their campaign of vio-lence to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak.

The tension is reflected in an 18-month-old dispute over sovereignty of the Halaib triangle, an area of desert on their

common border. Mr. Abu Saleb told reporters on arrival that he came to Cairo with an open heart" and hoping to open a new page in relations between the neighbours.

Relations have deteriorated sharply between Cairo and Khartourn since Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir took power in Sudan four years ago in a military coup. Gen. Bashir installed an Islamic fundamentalist regime and strengthened relations with fran, both of which Egypt considered threats to national security.

The dispute between the two normally friendly countries came into the open when Sudan sold a Canadian company an oil concession in the Egyptian-Sudanese border area of Halaib. There was no prior consultation with Cairo. which considers Halaib Egyp-

Sndan complained to the U.N. Cairo.

issue a decision next week.

Sudan, Egypt start

Russians see Thatcher as best leader — poll

MOSCOW (AFP) - Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is the foreign politician Russians see as best equipped to-lead their country out of its current crisis, a television poll said. Mrs. Thatcher got 12 per cent of the vote in the survey screened Sunday night by the popular weekly programme "Itogi." Insecond place with six per cent was former U.S. President George Bush, while current White House incumbent Bill Clinton, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet tied for third place with four per cent each. Iraqi leader-Saddam Hussein and Cuban leader Fidel Castro came equal sixth with three per cent each. The conditions under which the pollwas conducted were not speci-

Fillpino author gets Magsaysay Award

MANILA (R) - A Filipino an-

thor who promoted Philippine literature in the vernacular has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award for journalism, literature and creative communication arts, the award foundation said Monday. Bienvenido Lumbera, professor of Philippine studies at the University of the Philippines, was cited for "asserting the centralplace of the vernacular tradition in framing a national identity for modern Filipinos." Mr. Lum-bera, who published his first stories and poems in f953, earned a PhD in comparative literature as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Indiana, the foundation said. He later joined the English department of the Ateneo De Manila University and estab-lished himself as a drama critic and a leading scholar of Filipino literature. Stirred by the wave of nationalism sweeping Philippine campuses in the late 1960s, Mr. Lumbera included more vernacular readings in his literature and drama courses and began to deliver some of his lectures in the national language. The foundation said Mr. Lumbera believed that until Filipino becomes the "true lingua franca" of the Philippines, the gap between the welleducated classes and the vast impoverished majority cannot be bridged. The Magsaysay Award, named after a Philippine president who died in a plane crasb in 1957, is given annually.

Thal ministry suggests home work to beat traffic

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BANGKOK (R) - Thailand's Interior Ministry Monday approved in principle a plan which could mean thousands of employees working at bome to reduce Bangkok's chronic traffic congestion. Deputy Permanent Secretary Aree Wongharaya told reporters the employees would come in Monday to pick up work for the week and return Friday with the completed assignments. He said a ministry committee which proposed the idea would study what kind of work officials could do at home and could do at home and bow many would take part, before giving final approval. The Interior Ministry employs the vast majority of Thailand's four million government employees. Mr. Aree said the majority of employees would still come to the ministry to work if the plan were adopted. Traffic congestion in Bangkok bas reached near gridlock during rush hours. About 2.5 million cars and motorcycles use Bangkok roads and up to 400-500 new cars are registered daily, according to police figures. In an effort to ease the problem the Education Ministry last month ordered that school classes begin half an hour earlier, but switched back when there was no noticeable effect.

Brazii robbers get \$1.3 m from security firm

BRASILIA, Brazil (R) — Gun-men robbed a Brazilian security agency of \$f.3 million and an employee was suspected of involvement in the heist, a news agency reported Sunday. Agencia Estado said the Protege Agency branch in Santo Andre, an industrial suburb of Sao Paulo, was robbed early Saturday by 12 men carrying automatic weapons. The gunmen held two employees hostage and stole \$1.3 million in cash and checks as well as 45 .38calibre revolvers, ammunition and bulletproof vests. Police said a Protege guard opened the main door for the gunmen, led them to the money and fled with them. Protege is a leading Brazilian security and armoured car agency. Pobce have no leads, Agencia Estado said. Authorities could not be reached for comment

Kuwait is preparing \$1b oil clean-up claim This was essential, be said

GENEVA (R) — Kuwait is preparing a \$f billion claim against Baghdad for cleaning up after the vast oil well fires that swept the country at the end of the 199f Gulf war, a senior Kuwaiti official said Monday.

Abdul Rahman Al Houty, chairman of the Kuwait government body assessing damage caused by Iraq's seven-month occupation of the emirate, told Renters the claim would be presented to a special United Na-

tions body in the next few days.
"This will be the first of the big claims against fraq. ft has symbolic importance for us, and we believe it should be given priority attention," Mr. Houty added.

He was speaking in an interview before a three-day meeting of the governing council of the U.N. compensation commission set up after the war to coordinate the compilation of claims against Iraq and determine how they should be met.

So far, the commission has few funds for meeting claims or covering its own costs as Iraq has declined to make the \$1.6 billion oil sale authorised by the U.N. Security Council partly to compensate victims of its 1990 seizure of Knwait.

fn a speech to the council on Monday, Mr. Houty said ensuring Iraqi compliance with U.N. resolutions on the limited sale should be a top priority.

"We urge this body, as well as the Security Council whose membership it reflects, to continue to demand full compliance from the Iraqi regime," he said.

He also urged the council to encourage all countries holding Iraqi assets frozen after Baghdad's forces were driven out of Kuwait by a United States-led coalition to transfer them to the commission's compensation fund. for days blotted out the sun.

according to a copy of his speech to the closed-door session made available to Reuters, "to begin building the funos needed to compensate Iraq's victims."

Talks between Baghdad and the U.N. on starting up the authorised oil sales - also intended to finance U.N. operations in Iraq and pay for food, medicine and other bumanitarian imports - were held in New York earlier

They were due to resume later this week, but diplomats in Baghdad said at the weekend Iraq might now stall in hopes of getting lifted the trade embargo imposed by the Security Council until fraq observes all U.N. re-

The Geneva-based compensation commission has been meeting regularly since the summer of 1991 and officials say it has already received some 700,000 claims with an expected 500,000 more in the pipeline from individuals, firms and states.

The total value of all claims is expected to be between \$100 and 200 billion, according to experts at the commission, which in April set up special panels to examine claims from individuals like foreign workers forced to flee Kuwait

Speaking to Reuters, Mr. Houty said the oil fire claim would cover the cost not only of the year-long battle to put out the fires - which Kuwait and the U.N. claim started by the retreating Iraqis — and the clean-up which was still under way.

ft would also cover the costs of removing mines laid by Baghdad's forces in the area of the fires when some 700 wells were set ablaze, beiching smoke that

president rejects pc" lay fSLAMABAD (AFP) -

Pakistan's acting president Monday ruled the possibility of delaying L. October elections, reiterating the interim government's resolve to establish credibility of the polls process. "Elections will not be post-

poned on any demand or under any pretext," Wasim Sajjad, 52, said in his first nationwide broadcast since he assumed office after the July 1g shake-up in the country.

Mr. Sajjad, a jurist, was appointed interim president under an army-brokered settlement of the six-month-old bitter power tussle between President Ghulam fshaq Khan, 78, and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, 44, who both stepped down to pave the way for the mid-term elections.

The interim government bas fixed Oct. 6 for the National Assembly election and Oct. 9 for the polls to elect the country's four provincial assemblies.

Several leaders bave proposed changes in the electoral laws to ensure the fairness of polls while some have suggested that the polls be put off until early next year to make the process foolproof.

Elections beld in 1990 were marred by charges of rigging levelled by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto who has been in the forefront of demands for fresh elections. "The government is fully determined this time to make

tbe election process so much transparent, fair and impartial that credibility of the process is established beyond any iota of doubt," Mr. Sajjad said. The democratic system would be installed on sound

foundations and the future government would be able to implement its programme for the stipulated period, he He said the services of the

armed forces would be fully utilised and law and order would be maintained before and during the elections. The president earlier recon-

stituted the election commission, inducting two high court judges to finalise the election schedule and rules for the campaign.

U.S. security official holds talks in China

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court hears challenge to Maastricht Treaty

LONDON (AFP) — The final obstacle to British ratification of the

Maastricht Treaty went before the High Court Monday in the form of a challenge to the legality of the government's ratification

procedures. The challenge by Lord Rees-Mogg, a former Times editor and vociferous critic of Prime Minister John Major's

governing style, was said by legal experts to stand little chance of

success. But it will undoubtedly delay the process because when the

three-judge panel agreed to the review two weeks ago, the

government promised to take no action on ratification of the treaty

on European union until the final judgement. The court was

expected to spend much of this week hearing arguments, and to

PEKING (AFP) — U.S. Under-Secretary of State for International Security Affairs Lynn Davis beld talks here Monday with Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu amid a row over alleged Chinese missile sales to Pakistan. Ms. Davis, who arrived here Sunday, had a full day of meetings with Mr. Liu and attended a luncheon hosted by bim, U.S. embassy sources said, but did not disclose details of the talks. She was expected to continue negotiations on U.S. intelligence allegations that Peking has shipped to Pakistan all the necessary components to build M-ff missiles in violation of a pledge to restrict such transfers to sensitive areas. Foreign Minister Oian Qichen continued to deny the allegations in talks in Singapore Sunday with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The U.S. State Department has threatened to slap economic sanctions on China if the reports are confirmed.

Bombay shopkeepers stage strike against crime

BOMBAY (AFP) - Thousands of shopkeepers put on black armbands and staged a protest strike and a march here Monday to condemn the failure of the police to curb increasing incidents of extortion by criminal gangs. Jivraj Sewriwalla, the general secretary of the Federation of Retail Traders Association of Bombay which organised the protest, said demands for protection money have surged since communal riots tore through Bombay in December 1992 and January 1993.

Indian diplomat asked to leave Pakistan

fSLAMABAD (AFP) -- Pakistan has declared an Indian diplomat persona non grata and given him a week to leave the country, following the alleged manhandling of a Pakistani embassy official by fndian police in New Delhi Friday. A Foreign Office statement issued late Sunday said that Indian diplomat G.L. Verma's activities were found to be "inconsistent with accepted norms of functioning of diplomatic missions." Mr. Verma bad been under surveillance for some time and reports showed be was involved in activities exceeding his diplomatic status, the statement said. On Friday, a Pakistani mission driver, Mohammad Riaz, was arrested and tortured by the Indian police, according to Pakistani official sources. He was later released.

100 leftist parties blast U.S. embargo on Cuba

HAVANA (AFP) - Representatives of some 100 leftist parties and organisations from Latin America and the Caribbean here blasted the U.S. embargo on communist Cuba. Delegates at the annual Sao Paulo Forum condemned the economic embargo and the U.S. military presence at its naval base at Guantanamo Bay in eastern Cuba and in Panama. The delegates at the conference, which began Wednesday and ended Saturday, criticised what they called Washington's "interventionism and imperial pressure" in Latin America and the Caribbean. The conference decried the social side-effects of economic liberalisation in the region and called for "democratisation" of the United Nations, mainly by ending the veto power of the Security Council's five permanent

Chinese police foil hijacking

PEKING (R) - Chinese police have foiled an attempted hijacking of a domestic airliner to Taiwan, an official newspaper received in Peking on Monday said. Alert police in the southern city of Nanjing pulled a nervous-looking passenger from the queue waiting to board a flight Friday to the coastal city of Xiamen, Sunday's edition of the Yangocheng Evening News said. The man, Hu Xiao, was arrested after he was found to be carrying explosives. petrol and detonators as well as a note demanding to be taken to

Egyptian minister admits abuses, says they stopped tion by military courts of "terrorses" that might have taken place.

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt, facing widespread criticism, said Sunday ism" - in more than a year of it has stopped using human rights shootings and bombings and abuses as a tactic in its campaign police reaction to them. against suspected Muslim terror-But General Alfi admitted such previously denied practices as collective punishment, where vil-At the same time, however, Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi lages had to pay for the actions of Muslim radicals who hailed from admitted that hundreds of ex-

without charge, awaiting prosecutors' decisions on whether they should be tried. Drisons. .For years, the government has totally forbidden, and taking hos-tages is rejected," Gen. Alfi told denied charges by Amnesty International and other human rights Egyptian journalists at the press organisations of widespread

families of suspects were seized to force surrender, and torture in "Collective punishment now is

them, hostage-taking, where

As for torture, Gen. Alfi said he respects the rule of law and vowed to investigate any "exces-

He refused to be more specific than that hundreds of extremist suspects are in prison.

"The prosecution is now investigating them, and as soon as this is over, they will be put on trial," Gen. Alfi said. "It is not in the public interest to reveal the exact number of the detainees, (but) there are no baphazard arrests, and all detentions take place on the basis of definite information."

Gen. Alfi, 57, was appointed last April after policies of bis in his meeting with journalists predecessor, Gen. Abdul Halim that many suspects were arrested fusa, failed to stanch antigovernment violence and raised which denies earlier allegations accusations of rights abuses.

welcomed by varying political groups in Egypt, including the radical Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah (the Islamic Group), whom the government bolds responsible for the religious violence.

Muslim radicals hoped that the new minister's appointment would open the door for dialogue, which prominent Islamic scholars suggested early this year. But the new minister continued his predecessor's campaign. albeit with fewer victims

The minister declared proudly that the police aim at liquidating Gen. Alfi's appointment was all terrorists."